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CONQUEST OF PALESTINE

Irgun Leumi Expounds Zionist Ambitions In Holy Land

OBJECTIVE CLARIFIED IN QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 30. (U.P.A.): A list of questions to the Jewish extremist organization, Irgun Zvai Leumi, which is reportedly responsible for Sunday's retaliatory flogging of four British soldiers was recently submitted by the United Press of America. The questions to Irgun leaders went through half-a-dozen intermediaries and were answered late on Sunday when a youth delivered an envelope to the United Press of America office in Jerusalem and disappeared before the contents could be ascertained. Questions and answers follow:

JEWISH OBJECTIVE.

Q: Do you anticipate a truce when increased Jewish immigration begins?

A: Irgun does not fight for this or that immigration. The object of Irgun's struggle is the achievement of our nation's historic aim which is the liberation of our land from the foreign ruler.

Q: Does your struggle contain the germs of retribution?

A: No.

Q: Are you anti-British?

A: The friendship of the British towards our nation is a legend which has been smashed to pieces in our generation, particularly during the process of annihilation of 6,000,000 Jews of Europe.

Q: Would you carry out your struggle beyond the confines of Palestine?

A: Yes.

Q: Given an increased quota which would bring 100,000 refugees from Europe would you still have illegal immigration?

A: Obviously.

INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE

Q: Have you lost faith in international justice? Would you abide by a UNO decision on Palestine?

A: We have not lost faith in international justice as we have not lost hope in the prophecy of Yeshayahu for eternal peace. But, in the meantime, we must secure for our bleeding nation life, home and a defence of the future.

Q: Would you solicit or accept a foreign power's help? Would you consider Russia's help?

A: Freedom loving nations should assist us. Any country may help. Any help will be accepted.

IF ARABS FIGHT....

Q: If Palestine Arabs were to fight for the Arab character of Palestine what would you do?

A: If the Arabs with whom we do not seek any quarrel attack us—they will do so only due to British instigation and arms—we shall protect ourselves. If they carry the assault on Jewish settlements we shall answer them with war. If they attack British occupation forces a situation would arise wherein the British would be attacked by both Jews and Arabs alike. This situation would be very natural. This may happen.

Q: Can you visualise a situation wherein you will submit authority to a supreme Jewish body on which the majority of Jews are represented?

A: We would only agree to fighting under united leadership.

Q. Suppose the Zionist Congress authorized the Jewish Agency to negotiate for partition would you stop your activities?

A: No. Any partition plan would be based upon racial discrimination.

BRITISH BASES

Q: Would you object to British bases in Palestine?

A: When we have established the whole of Palestine there would be no need for foreign military bases for protection of our country.

Q: What is the difference between your underground and the other two?

A: Hagana was an underground force in the full sense of the word only since the beginning of this year and until autumn. During that period it fought together with us and was being persecuted to a certain extent. Now it is neither a fighting body nor a persecuted body. The difference between Irgun and the Stern Gang is that the latter conducts operations mainly tactical in nature.

Leaders' Talks End In Complete Agreement

LONDON STATEMENT MAY BE ACCEPTED TO WOO LEAGUE

SRIRAMPUR (Noakhali), December 30. (A.P.I.): "Our discussions ended satisfactorily", Mr. Shankerrao Deo told the "Associated Press of India" after the conclusion of the two-day talks between Mahatma Gandhi and the leaders here before they left for Calcutta.

NO DIFFERENCE OF OPINION

Mr. Deo said that they had not come to Srirampur to make any decisions. They knew Gandhiji's opinion on many subjects, but there were some subjects which the leaders felt were rather difficult and, therefore, they wanted consultation with Gandhiji. There was no difference of opinion among the visiting leaders and Gandhiji.

The leaders would go back to Delhi with an agreed opinion on the subjects discussed.

The Constituent Assembly had been postponed to January 20 and Mr. Shankerrao Deo thought that the Muslim League would have enough time to think over and decide to attend the Constituent Assembly. Mr. Deo was hopeful about it.

The main subjects to be taken up by the A.I.C.C., according to Mr. Shankerrao Deo, would be the situation created by H.M.G.'s statement of December 6.

ACCEPTANCE OF LONDON STATEMENT

That the Congress is likely to accept His Majesty's Government's interpretation of the Cabinet Mission's proposals as set out in their statement of December 6 is the view held in informed circles here.

Talks between Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Acharya Kripalani, Congress President, and Mr. Shankerrao Deo lasted eight hours, spread over two days, namely, December 28 and 29. The leaders finished discussion today before prayer.

It is, however, believed that there was identity of views between Mahatma Gandhi and visiting leaders to the opposition to acceptance of H.M.G.'s statement.

It is understood that the leaders here believed that acceptance of the statement may help to bring in the Muslim League into the Constituent Assembly. It would also prevent widening of the breach between the Congress and the League. Moreover, Congress had repeatedly stated that it had accepted the British Cabinet Mission's proposals in their entirety. It would, therefore, be derogatory to Congress dignity to go back on its pledges now.

The statement of December 6, it is thought, complicated the issue, but that was not sufficient reason to go back on the earlier decision.

Assam was the only province which was dead against sitting in sections, whereas N.-W.F.P. and Baluchistan were content to sit in sections and opt out in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Cabinet Mission's proposals of May 16.

The Assam Premier, Mr. Gopinath Bardoloi who interviewed Mahatma Gandhi and Acharya Kripalani today, strongly urged that Assam could not on any account sit in sections and lose its independence. The Assam Premier thought that the question of actual withdrawal did not arise at this stage. The Constituent Assembly was meeting on January 20 and, in the meantime, he believed there was nothing to indicate that the Muslim League would revise its earlier decision and resolve to enter the Constituent Assembly.

The question as regards at what stage Assam was to withdraw from participating in sections, it is believed could only be decided in due course taking into account subsequent developments.

Congress circles hope that should the A.I.C.C. decide to accept British Government interpretation, the Muslim League will decide to attend the Constituent Assembly and wholeheartedly participate in the drafting of the future Constitution of a Free India.

It is felt likely that Gandhiji may communicate his views in writing to be shown to important leaders and, if necessary, to be placed before the A.I.C.C.

SHIAS AND CONGRESS

MASULIPATAM, Dec. 30, (A.P.I.): Mr. Hosseinbhoy Laljee, President of the All-India Shia Conference which concluded its three day session here yesterday, in an interview charged the Congress with injustice to the Shia cause in 'removing' Mr. Syed Ali Zaheer from the Interim Government as soon as the Muslim League accepted the short-term plan and entered office.

"To add to this" he said even when a chance has occurred by the apointment of Mr. Asaf Ali as ambassador to the U.S.A. Shia claim has not been considered."

Mr. Laljee added that Mahatma Gandhi was one with him in this respect, but "the Right and Left wingers of Gandhiji have been sidetracking the issue, Viz., which of the minorities of the Muslim community is to be adhered to by the Congress.

NOTICE TO READERS

The "Bombay Chronicle" offices will remain closed on Wednesday (New Year Day). There will, therefore, be no issue of the paper on Thursday.

Reception to Mr. L. B. Bhopatkar, President of the Hindu Mahasabha

INDIA OFFICE RECORDS

Protest Against Proposal To Transfer Them To This Country

LONDON, Dec. 30. (Reuter): Mr. C. Collin Davies, Reader in Indian History at the University of Oxford, in a letter in the "Times" to-day, supports the protest earlier made by Prof. Rawlinson against the British Government's proposal to transfer the India Office records to India.

Mr. Davies says: "Since copies of public and secret consultations at Whitehall are to be found in the Imperial Record Office in India, the proposed transfer would appear to be a useless gesture. I agree with Prof. Rawlinson that the proper place for historical documents relating to British rule in India is the Public Records Office".

Cochin New Year Gift

Inauguration Of Responsible Government

ERNAKULAM, Dec. 30 (UPI.)—The "United Press of India" learns from political circles here that the New Year will mark the beginning of full responsible government in the Cochin State. It is believed that the period of the present Interim Ministry will terminate within six months, and by next August or September the present legislature will be dissolved and fresh elections held.

In the meanwhile, the Constitutional Advisory Committee set up recently will finish its work and submit a draft constitution, on the basis of which elections will be held. Universal adult franchise is expected to be introduced according to the recommendations of the Franchise Committee which submitted its report recently.

RULERS TO TRANSFER POWER TO PEOPLE

MIRAJ, Dec. 30 (UPI).—The United Press of India reliably understands that the rulers of Miraj, Jath, Phaltan are likely to transfer complete power to the people on January 12, 1947

Sardar Indisposed

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 30, (A.P.I.): Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Home Member of the Government of India, is indisposed and has cancelled all his public engagements in the city fixed for tomorrow.

The Sardar developed some temperature this evening and since then he is lying in bed at his residence.

Earlier in the evening, he addressed the Congress workers of Gujerat and attended a tea party arranged by the citizens of Ahmedabad in his honour.

POONA, Dec. 30, (A.P.I.): Mr. P.N. Rajabhoj, General Secretary of the All-India Scheduled Castes Federation announces that a meeting of the Working Committee of the Federation will be held in Bombay on January 16 and 12, 1947 to consider the present political situation in the country.

stood that these leaders placed themselves at the disposal of Pandit Nehru and stated that they would be prepared to save lives and properties of the Hindus even at the cost of their own lives.

Several orphan boys from the Ramkrishna Ashram of Comilla held a dance demonstrations yesterday before Pandit Nehru and the Congress President yesterday. The Congress leaders expressed their great appreciation of the folk dances and folk songs of Bengal.

LEST PEOPLE FORGET

The "United Press of India" learns a statement reiterating the non-communal character of the Indian National Congress is likely to be issued by the Congress Working Committee during its Delhi session.

It is felt that in view of the growing communal tension in the country it is considered necessary to place the Congress stand on this matter once again before the people of the country.

Women Must Be Makers Of Unity And Peace

Princess Of Berar's Stress On Pressing Need Of Hour

By LEELA JOG, Chronicle Special Representative

AKOLA, (By Mail): "Women should concentrate their attention on communal harmony", observed Her Highness the Princess of Berar in an exclusive interview to me.

She stated that the seriousness of the situation should be realised and all Indian women should strive for communal peace.

Clad in blue chiffon, and wearing lovely pearls, the tall, beautiful and ever so regal Princess stepped out of a Dakota plane to attend the All-India Women's Conference.

On Saturday morning Akola, where session of the conference is being held, was in a flutter and by eleven o'clock a convoy of cars carrying women dignitaries, bouquets, and cameras was seen proceeding towards the aerodrome.

Soon a silvery speck was spotted in the blue sky. In a few moments it assumed the shape of a huge bird droning overhead and within the twinkling of an eye the Dakota had glided on the air strip carrying Her Highness the Princess of Berar.

After garlanding and introductions the Royal guest and the party drove to "Kasturba Nagar". The Princess' presence at the inaugural session of the Women's Conference added extra colour to the function. A host of young autograph-hunters who made bold to surround the Princess were rewarded with an autograph and a smile as well.

Talking about the work of the Women's Conference in an exclusive interview to me, the Princess of Berar observed that it was very useful work that the conference was doing and it was inspiring to see women working together for the progress of themselves and the nation without making any distinction of caste, colour or creed.

Duty Of Women

The Princess expressed firm conviction as to what special problem Indian women should devote themselves to:

"I feel women should concentrate their attention upon communal harmony. They ought to realise the seriousness of the situation and strive for communal peace.

Without it what can we do? There can be no progress, economic, social or political. There will be no security without it.

Even if they are not able to influence their men they should instil the spirit of toleration and understanding in their children. Otherwise there is a disaster ahead all of us".

Answering another question, she said that women could be good mothers and wives as well as social workers. "It depends upon individual capacity and it cannot be decreed that a particular woman should do this or that".

Answering with her characteristic disarming smile, the Princess said that she could not say if it would be a better world if it was managed by women instead of men. "I think there ought to be co-operation between men and women because I believe with Plato 'in the effective harmony of the whole.'"

Her Highness the Princess of Berar is the daughter of the late Sultan of Turkey. She inherits from her august father the love of painting and literature. She has a genius for composing music and poetry. She is a great linguist, knowing no less than seven languages. Incidentally, Akola was the first session of the All-India Women's Conference which Her

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Parallel Govt. In China

Communist High Command's Decision: Nanking Steps Up Military Budget

NANKING, Dec. 30. (Reuter): Chinese communists have decided to set up a "Government" of their own in opposition to the Central Government at Nanking, a Chinese Central News Agency report from Peiping said to-day.

The Agency said that this decision was reached at a recent meeting attended by all communist leaders including the "Big Three" of the Chinese Communist Party, Mao Tse Tung, Chu Teh and General Chou en Lai.

The meeting was also reported to have decided to strengthen the communist air force, increase guerilla activities and tighten the communist economic blockade on the Government-held cities and areas.

It also decided to intensify its international propaganda work with plans to set up a net-work of Chinese Communist organs in Britain, the United States and France, the report of the Chinese Central News Agency, which is Kuomintang controlled, added.

Communist Headquarters at Yenan had issued orders for the establishment of "War Preparations Committees" in districts and villages in the communist held areas of China, the report said.

MILITARY BUDGET STEPPED UP

Within the next three or four days, the Supreme Chinese Defence Council will approve the largest budget in Chinese history with military expenditure for 1947 set at 3,810,000,000,000 Chinese dollars (about £277,500,000) or over 40 per cent of the total national expenditure.

These figures were disclosed to-day by Dr. Peng Hsin Hpei, Chinese Information Minister, who said that the deficit between the estimated expenditure of 9,320,000,000,000 dollars and the national revenue of 7,000,000,000,000 dollars would be met by public loans.

The national revenue could be increased if order and security could be established in the northern provinces and communications restored as quickly as possible, he added.

He said that there was no provision for the Kuomintang (Government) Party in the budget.

PLANNING NEW GOVT. IN CHINA

SHANGHAI, Dec. 30. (Reuter): Chinese party leaders and Government representatives held conferences here to-day to discuss plans for the reorganisation of Government.

Lei Chen, Secretary-General of the Inter-Party Political Consultative Council, who arrived from Nanking during the week-end, is reported to have told leaders of the Third Party (other than the Communist or Government Kuomintang Party) that Government wants non-Kuomintang parties to take part in the reorganised Government.

Mahatma's Advice To Leaders Kept Secret

Nehru To Report Srirampur Talks To Congress Executive

CALCUTTA, Dec. 30 (A.P.I.):—Pandit Nehru told pressmen at the residence of Dr. B. C. Roy that he discussed with Gandhiji all manner of developments. He could not, he said, divulge what advice Gandhiji gave them, but he would aprise the Congress Working Committee all about the talks he had. He did not know what the A.I.C.C. would decide. All should wait and see.

Asked about the next meeting of the Constituent Assembly, Pandit Nehru said that the Constituent Assembly would carry on unless, of course, there was any mishap which, he hoped, would not happen.

Replying to a question about the incident at Chaumuhani where he was reported to have been hit on the chin by a stone, while addressing a wayside crowd, Pandit Nehru said that it was a very small affair and that he was not aimed at. "After all", he added laughingly, "it was a small stone".

Pandit Nehru said that he had seen Gandhiji after about two months. Gandhiji was not in his normal good health and it seemed to Panditji that Gandhiji was weaker than when he saw him last.

Pandit Nehru appeared to get excited when a pressman asked him about the safety of evacuees in Noakhali. Pandit Nehru said: "There is too much talk about safety in this country. People should go into a raging fire if necessary. Life is not safe anywhere. There is risk of being run over by a bus in the street. I have asked refugees to go back to their villages, as the situation is gradually returning to normal."

Need For Disciplined Service

CALCUTTA, Dec. 30, (A.P.I.): The importance of disciplined service for the advancement of the cause of the country was emphasised by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru addressing the cadets of the Relief and Welfare Ambulance Corps at Calcutta University Lawn, this evening.

In the present situation, Pandit Nehru said, there were conflicts on one hand, they were struggling for independence and on the other hand there was also internal conflict. Internal conflict was really unfortunate. A country would advance only if there were people who could act and act constructively.

Swaraj, Panditji continued, would come undoubtedly. British rule would end. But the point was how they would manage and run the affairs of the country after the attainment of Swaraj. What mattered most was the spirit of disciplined service, Pandit Nehru concluded.

Arrival In Calcutta

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Acharya Kripalani, Congress President, and Mr. Shankerrao Deo, arrived in Calcutta today on their return from Srirampur where they had gone to meet Mahatma Gandhi.

The plane landed at Dum Dum Aerodrome at 3-15 p.m. and the leaders were received on their arrival by Dr. B. C. Roy, Dr. P. C. Ghosh and other Congress leaders. Pandit Nehru motored to the house of Dr. B. C. Roy where he will stay for the night and proceed to Delhi tomorrow morning. Acharya Kripalani and Mr. Shankerrao Deo will stay with Mr. Surendra Mohan Ghosh, President, B.P.C.C. and Dr. Profulla Chandra Ghosh, respectively. They are also expected to leave for Delhi tomorrow.

Mr. Shankerrao Deo, General Secretary of the All-India Congress, told the Associated Press of India: "We had full discussion with Mahatma Gandhi". He added that the matters discussed, of course, included H.M.G.'s statement of December 6."

Jai Prakash's Resignation

CALCUTTA, Dec. 30, (A.P.I.): Asked by the Associated Press of India about the resignation of Mr. Jai Prakash Narain, the Congress Socialist Leader, the Congress President, Acharya Kripalani said that the resignation had been received and the matter would be considered by the Congress Working Committee at its next meeting.

Asked whether the groupmg issue would be referred to the Federal Court Acharya Kripalani said that the whole question had been referred to the A.I.C.C.

NEHRU VISITS REFUGEE CAMP

Pandit Nehru looked cheerful as usual and greeted with a smile all those who had come to meet him.

A big crowd which had gathered in front of Dr. B. C. Roy's house in anticipation of Panditji's arrival had to wait there for hours as the plane was late and as Pandit Nehru, while driving from the aerodrome to Dr. Roy's house, visited on the way the Congress Relief Camp for Noakhali and Tipperah refugees at Barangar.

NATIONALIST MUSLIMS OFFER

A number of nationalist Muslim leaders from different parts of Noakhali met Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Acharya Kripalani yesterday and placed before them their views on the situation in East Bengal. It is understood that they have offered their services to the Congress in the work of restoration of peace in East Bengal.

Sweeping Charges Against Russia

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (APA). Charges of economic enslavement, political terrorism, religious repression, broken promises and ambitions for military power were levelled against Russia today by a special committee of the U. S. House of Representatives on post-war economic policy.

The committee report—the sharpest official criticism of Russia in Congress since the Soviet Union to war with Germany—demanded that the United States assert "positive leadership" in European economic affairs.

Simultaneously, the committee asserted that if Russia were actually found to be using German war plants to rearm, the Western allies should denounce the entire Potsdam Big-Three Agreement and demand that the Russians "evacuate Germany completely."

First reaction to the committee's document came in the form of a protest against "headline hunters" by representative Sol Bloom (Democrat, New York), retiring chairman of the House, Foreign Affairs Committee.

He told reporters that the committee should have submitted its evidence "if it had any" to the State and War Departments for investigation, and contended that the report would do "far more harm than good in current diplomatic negotiations."

The State Department declined immediate comment.

Ahmedabad Mill Workers Demand Rise In Wage-Level

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BENDIGO COUNTRY (1st. Innings) 156

M. C. C. (1st. Innings) for 4 wkts. 200

BENDIGO (Victoria), December 30. (Reuter): The Bendigo Countryside playing a one-day match against the M. C. C. team here were all out for 156 by tea time. The M. C. C. replied with 200 for the loss of 4 wickets and thus won the match by 6 wickets and 44 runs.

The M. C. C.'s one-day game against the Bendigo Countryside was one of the most pleasant of the tour. Being set to the task of scoring fast to pass the Country's total the M. C. C. were in a happy mood and achieved the object with 25 minutes to spare. Hammond treated the match as an exhibition using eight bowlers in short spells to dismiss the Countryside for 156. Fishlock gave four chances in less than an hour's stay, but Edrich was reliable as usual and was mainly responsible for quick scoring. Outstanding of time countryside bowling was Leslie Harris a slow medium off-spinner who had five catches missed off his bowling. Harris however is not a recent discovery. He played against Jardine's team in 1933.

SCORE BOARD

BENDIGO COUNTRY (First Innings)

Phyland b. Pollard	39
Arthur c. and b. Smith	4
Harris st. Gibb b. Smith	25
Hesse c. Gibb b. Voce	14
Day c. Fishlock b. Smith	2
Knight c. Ikin b. Smith	3
Nuthall c. Ikin b. Hardstaff	8
Oleary c. Voce b. Wright	20
Mills c. and b. Ikin	20
Seelenmeyer c. Gibb b. Smith	4
Burchall c. Ikin b. Smith	1
A. Smith (not out	7
Extras (Byes 3, legbyes 4, noballs 3—Pollard, Wright and Voce)	10
Total	156

FALL OF WICKETS: 1 for 17, 2 for 49, 3 for 75, 4 for 81, 5 for 90, 6 for 93, 7 for 109, 8 for 130, 9 for 149, 10 for 142.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Voce	5	0	9	1
Pollard	8	1	20	1
Smith	19	6	43	6
Wright	8	0	26	1
Edrich	4	3	3	0
Ikin	6	2	18	1
Langridge	5	1	10	0
Hardstaff	5	0	17	1

M. C. C. (First Innings)

Gibb st. Smith b. Burchall	49
Fishlock b. Phyland	41
Edrich c. and b. Knight	62
Hammond c. Nuthall b. Harris	9
Langridge (not out)	30
Extras	9
Total (for 4 wkts.)	200

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Oleary	6	0	25	0
Aellenmeyer	10	0	47	0
Harris	11	1	51	1
Phyland	3	0	31	1
Burchall	6	1	22	1
Knight	3	0	15	1

ENGLAND TEAM FOR THIRD TEST

MELBOURNE, Dec. 30 (Reuter)—England's team for the Third Cricket Test beginning on New Year's Day will be chosen from the following players: Hammond, Hutton, Washbrook, Edrich, Compton, Ikin, Evans, Wright, Voce, Bedser, Yardley and Langridge.

INDIAN SOCCER TEAM TO VISIT CEYLON

COLOMBO, Dec. 30. (A.P.I.): An Indian Soccer Team will be shortly arriving in Ceylon to play a series of Football Matches against local teams. It is learned that in response to an invitation from the Ceylon Football Association the Aryan Gymkhana will be sending a team shortly consisting of the best Indian players selected from the various centres of India. The team's itinerary will include two test matches against All-Ceylon. The invitation to the Aryan Gymkhana is one of the first measures being taken by the recently reorganised Ceylon Football Association to promote soccer and raise the Island's standard.

Festival Cricket Match In Calcutta

CALCUTTA, Dec. 30 (API.) Ten of the players to represent India in England in the Festival Cricket March against the Rest in India, which begins at Eden Gardens tomorrow, have already arrived in Calcutta. Mr. Amar Nath is expected to arrive tomorrow.

Those who have already arrived are:—

V M Merchant (Captain), D D Hindlekar V Mankad, Sohoni, Mustaq Ali, S S Banerjee Gul Muhammad, R S Modi, C T Sarwate and Shinde.

ALL-INDIA BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP

CALCUTTA, December 30. (A.P.I.): At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Billiards Association of India, held here today it was decided to hold the next annual All-India Amateur Billiards and Snooker championships and Professional Billiards Championship early in February 1947 at Calcutta.

The winner of the Amateur Championship will be entitled to represent India in the forthcoming British Empire Championship likely to be held in India in 1947.

ALL-INDIA RAMLAL CUP HOCKEY

LUCKNOW, December 30. (A.P.I.): The following are the results of matches played this evening in the All-India Ramlal Cup Hockey Tournament:—

Kamla B. Club (Cawnpore) two, Euagik Youngmen's Association (Lucknow) zero.

Indian Institute (Etawah) two, Bengali Youngmen's Association (Lucknow) one.

Gwalior Army zero, Town Hall Club (Amroha) zero.

Miss Sunder Deodhar and Miss Suman Deodhar, winners of Trophy in Ladies Doubles (Twelfth All-India Badminton Championships).

Sheffield Shield

Victoria Win By An Innings

MELBOURNE, Dec. 30. (Reuter): Victoria beat New South Wales by an innings and 114 runs in the Sheffield Shield Match. Helped by fielding mistakes, Pettiford (110) and Morris (54) added 100 runs in 100 minutes for the third wicket. Morris batted for three and a half hours. Barnes with a swollen and bandaged arm, following a fielding injury on Friday, was unable to bat for New South Wales but is expected to be fit for the third Test. New South Wales, in the second innings, totalled 241, Johnson taking three for 37 and Loyton two for nine.

MADRAS SECURE TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

MADRAS, Dec. 30. (A.P.I.): Madras won the Inter-Provincial Table Tennis Championship for men this year defeating Bombay by five matches to four to-day.

Chandarana of Bombay was in top form and won all his three matches, though Vittal extended him fully; their encounter running into three sets.

By getting the better of Khurshed Kapadia to-day Vittal confirmed that his previous victory against the Bombay player in the national Championships was no fluke. Vittal also accounted for the younger Kapadia in two straight sets.

The South India Champion Sachinanda Rao defeated both the Kapadia brothers in his turn and Ramaswami's victory over D H. Kapadia clinched the issue in favour of Madras.

In the other matches to-day Bengal beat Andhra by five games to two while Mysore beat Hyderabad by five games of four.

K. Ghosh of Bengal who was defeated by Sivaraman in the National Championships after a gruelling encounter, had his revenge to-day and won in two straight sets.

Following are the results:—

Davindra Mohan of the Punjab, winner of the Trophy in Men's Singles (Twelfth All-India Badminton Championships)

SENSATIONAL VICTORY FOR GHAUS MOHAMED

Czech Eliminated From Singles

CALCUTTA, Dec. 30. (A.P.I.): As a result of to-day's play in the National Lawn Tennis Championships of India, Sumant Misra, the conquerer of Ghaus Mohamed in the quarter final, and Man Mohan, who scored a sensational victory over J. Drobny, the Czech Ace, yesterday have emerged as the finalists in the men's singles.

Although the Czech representatives in the tournament J. Drobny and J. Caska have been eliminated from the singles, they have entered the final of the men's doubles, where they will meet S.L.R. Sawney and Iftikar Ahmed.

The Czech pair won two matches to-day, first against Ghaus Mohamed and Afsar Hossain in the quarter final and then against Irshad Hossain and Dilip Bose in the semi-final, winning on both occasions without dropping a set.

Sumant Misra reproduced the form he showed when he overcame Ghaus Mohamed. Again to-day, he appeared incapable of making a mistake whether in driving or overhead. The fact that Dilip Bose was himself playing under a handicap due to a sprain in his playing arm, did not appear to make much difference to the actual run of play as after the second set Misra completely established his superiority over the Bengal champion.

After losing the first set 6/2 Sumant Misra became more aggressive. In each set, hereafter, he went up to a 3/0 lead. In the third set, Misra was leading 5/0 after which Bose snatched two games before Misra captured he next.

No Play In Madras Due To Rains

MADRAS, Dec 30 (API). There was no play today the third day of the Ranji Trophy match between Madras and Mysore owing to heavy rain. The match will be continued tomorrow.

S. A. Indians Won't Participate In Undemocratic Elections

Dr. Dadoo Comments On Clarkson's Recent Statement

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 29 (Reuter): Dr. Y. M. Dadoo, President of the Transvaal Indian Congress, commenting on Senator C. G. Clarkson's recent statement says that it is one of the most important Government statements since the pronouncements of General Smuts on the United Nations decision and may vitally affect the future of South Africa.

"It is an indication that the Union Government is bent upon continuing with its old racial and colour bar policies in the face of the United Nations Assembly's decision. It is not likely that even those nations which supported, however mistakenly, the South African case, will be willing to countenance a member state like South Africa openly violating a solemn pledge to abide by the United Nations Charter and thus allow the weakening of the structure of this all-important body. If South Africa does not mend its ways then the same fate will overtake this country as is overtaking Spain at the present moment."

Isolated from the outside world, South Africa would not only be hard put to stave off the serious effect of the trade embargo by India but she will have to face the full blast of similar action by other countries as well.

Referring to the preparations being made by the Government to compile a voter's roll and delimit voting areas for Indian communal representation Dr. Dadoo said that the Government would do well to refrain from wasting good public money on such discreditable venture Indians will not participate in such undemocratic elections.

Commenting on a London report that P. R. Pathar and A. C. Christopher, South African Indian Congress representatives who assisted the Indian Delegation to the UNO. at present in London were trying to get the British Government arbitrate in the dispute between the Union and Indian Government. Dr. Dadoo said that they did not represent the Indian Community in South Africa. Their attempt to see Mr. Attlee does not meet the approval of the passive Resistance Council nor of the overwhelming masses of the Indian people.

"How can Britain, who acted as an advocate and partisan for the South African case as put by General Smuts to the UNO be expected to act as an impartial arbitrator in the same dispute? It is unthinkable.

"The role of Britain has been a shameful one — the only way Britain can redeem herself in the eyes of the world for her undemocratic behaviour is by seeing that the South African Government implements the decision of the United Nations."

BRISBANE, Dec. 29 (Reuter). Church of England members who do not worship regularly may be refused Church privileges including marriage, baptism and burial if recommendations now under consideration by the Right Reverend Reginald Charles Halse Archbishop of Brisbane, are accepted by Queensland clergymen.

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Today's Engagements

BOMBAY SPIRITUAL CENTRE: Lecture by Dr. T. M. P. Mahadevan, on "Everyman's Bible—The Bhagvad Gita" today at 6 p.m.

BOMBAY LIFE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION: Meeting today at 3-30 p.m. Tambe's Hall, Hamam Street, Fort. Mr. R. S. Nimkar will preside.

MAHARASHTRA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Committee for the years 1946-48 has been elected with Dattatraya Ramchandra Naik as President, Messrs. G. V. Puranik, V. P. Varde and W. W. Wagh as Vice-Presidents and 38 members.

MAZDAZNAN SOCIAL GATHERING: Today (Tuesday) at 5-30 p.m. at Alexandra Girls' School Hall, Waudby Road, New Year's Eve Social Gathering. Musical programme and other items.

PLEA FOR SINDHI PROGRAMME: A correspondent has written a letter to the Director, All-India Radio, Bombay, requesting him to have "a daily programme in Sindhi language for at least half an hour, for the benefit of Sindhis of Bombay in particular, and India in general".

CONGRESS SEVIKA AND KUMARIKA DAL: General meeting of Sevikas and Kumarikas at 4 p.m. today at the Dal's office. Instructions regarding the Annual function will be given.

AN APPEAL FOR FUND

A Nandigram (Dt. Noakhali) correspondent writes: "The Nandigram R. K. Nag H. E. School—a purely Hindu School, P. O. & Vill. Nandigram, Dt. Noakhali, was burnt down completely during the last Noakhali disturbances. Any money—help for its rehabilitation will be welcome and thankfully received by the Secretary at 769, Circular Road, Howrah, where the office of the School is temporarily located."

BOMBAY PRESIDENCY SWEEPERS' CONFERENCE

The General Secretary of the Bombay Sweepers' Union writes: A Conference of all the sweepers in Bombay Presidency is proposed to be held on the 18th and the 19th of January 1947 on the open Maidan by the side of G. South Ward Municipal Stables. Mr. M. K. Naik, who has associated himself with the welfare activities of the sweepers of the Kurla Municipality, will preside. Gangaben Bhanji Rathod has been elected as President of the Reception Committee.

LOVJI CAMA DRAMATIC COMPETITION

On the 26th of January 1947, the 9th annual dramatic competition will be held under the auspices of the Lovji Cama Memorial Committee at the Excelsior Theatre, in the morning, in the English language only.

Prizes will be awarded to the best individual entrants and not to a team as a whole. Besides the Challenge Trophy, there are also other prizes including a Sub-ordinate Helpers Prize and a Script Prize.

The Competition is open to all amateurs. Entries close on 15th of January 1947.

Entry forms and particulars are available from the Jt. Hon. Secretary, Miss Amy Adenwalla, Aden Hall, Nepean Sea Road. Phone 41683.

TEACHING IN MONTESSORI COURSE

Under the auspices of the Poona Women's Council (A Branch of the B. P. Women's Council) it is resolved to organise a three-month course in English in Montessori Methods of Educaton under her personal instructions from April to July 1947, last date for application is January 31st 1947. Enquiries from Miss Tarabai Ranade 101 Shukrawar Peth or Mrs. Vijayabai Pendse, 631/27 Madiwala Colony, Poona.

Student Delegates For Delhi

BOMBAY, Monday.

Fifty-three delegates and visitors from Bombay, will be leaving today to attend the 10th annual session of the A.I.S.F., which will be held in Delhi from 3rd to 6th January.

The Conference will be inaugurated by Sjt. Mrinalkanti Bose, President of the A.T.T.U.C. and greeted by Sjt. Anant Singh.

The delegates and visitors for the Conference are expected at the Bombay Central today at 7 p.m.

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U.N.E.S.C.O.'S EFFORTS TO BUILD WORLD PEACE

Saiyidain Appeals For India's Support

Mr. K. G. Saiyidain, Educational Adviser to Rampur Government and delegate to the UNESCO Conference at Paris, in the course of a statement to the press says: The first Conference of the United Nations Educational Cultural and Scientific Organization at Paris, was in some ways a great success. It was generally agreed at the Conference that the urgency and value of all the projects submitted for consideration should be judged on the criterion of how intimately and significantly they were related to the main objective of promoting international understanding, and "building the defence of peace" in the hearts and minds of men and women all over the world. A second, closely connected consideration should be, how far are these projects likely to bring about and equalization of cultural opportunities and resources as between the "advanced" and "backward" regions of the world, and between classes which enjoy the gracious fruits of science and culture and those that were deprived of them?

With these two important criteria in mind the delegates laboured for about 3 weeks in the various commissions—the Education Commission, the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission, the Natural Sciences Commission, the Social Sciences and Humanities Commission and the Mass Media Commission and selected certain projects, both long-range and short range, which in their opinion are likely to further the objects in view.

Of these, special mention must be made of projects like those of Fundamental Education, Summer school for Adult Educational works, establishment of a study centre for International Relations, exchange of teachers and students, Nutritional Research Units, combined Radio, Press and Film features centering round important themes of world interest, and the World University of the Air.

It is a pleasure to record that the work of the Indian Delegation was generally admitted to be of outstanding merit. But what added greatly to the weight of the contribution made by the Indian Delegation was the fact that it could, and did, speak out its mind courageously and without mental reservations.

I hope people in India will learn to take a really keen interest in the work of this Organization and that the Government of India will give it their full support so that our country may be in a position to contribute significantly to the cause of world peace through the proper utilisation of educational, cultural and scientific resources at the disposal of mankind.

INSTITUTIONS FOR UPLIFT OF WOMEN

A.-I. Conference Of Representatives At Wardha

Shri Shantabai Raniwala, Secretary Mahilashram, Wardha (C.P.) writes: On the occassion of the annual social gathering of the Mahilashram, on the 12th and 13th January 1947, it is proposed to convene an informal Conference of the representatives of all the institutions working for the betterment of women in this country. Acharya Vinobaji Bhave has consented to preside.

The Conference is the first attempt in this direction and it is hoped that all such institutions in the country will co-operate in making the conference a success. All arrangements have been made in the Mahilashram for the stay of the delegates who will kindly intimate their arrivals before hand, if possible.

Muslim Ambulance Society Appeals For Help

The Hony. Secretary of the Muslim Ambulance Society writes:— The Muslim Ambulance Society was established in 1932 with the object of serving humanity without any distinction. The service rendered by the Society during the last 14 years have won the appreciation of all.

About two years back the Society enlarged its sphere of activities. During the past and present riots the Society did its utmost to ameliorate the sufferings of the sick and the injured. The sphere of its activities having been enlarged the expenses of the Society have much increased. The Society appeals to all its well-wishers and supporters for monetary assistance to carry on the work.

Bombay Weaver's Co-operative Enterprise

The first general meeting of the Bombay Handloom Weaver's Co-operative Association Ltd., was held under the presidentship of Mr. M. U. Rajab, M.L.A.

The Association has been registered with a capital of Rs. 250,000 The Managing Committee with Mr. Haji Md. Yahya Seth (President), Mr. Abdulla Abdul Aziz, (Hon. Secretary) and nine members were unanimously elected.

Cloth Rationing In Karwar

KARWAR, Dec. 30 (API.) Cloth will be rationed from January 1, 1947, in the Karwar District, according to a notification issued by the District Magistrate Karwar under Section 16 of the Bombay Cloth and Cotton Trade Regulation Order of 1945.

According to the scheme each adult yard per annum and in the rural in the rationing areas will get twelve areas ten yards for the same period, with the option of cashing one-fourth of the quantum every quarter. Children are allowed half this quantum. Further out of the total quota of cloth only one-third will be of fine or superfine varieties.

WEATHER NEWS FOR FARMERS

Forecast till Wednesday morning: Dry weather.

Outlook for further 2 days: Dry weather.

KARACHI, Dec. 30, (A. P. I.): The First 'Skymaster' of the T. W. A. air-service between New York and Bombay is expected to land in Karachi airport on 8th January, it is learnt in aviation circles here.

City Municipal Election

Congress Party Criticised For Agreeing To Postponement

BOMBAY, Monday.

The decision of the Congress Municipal Party regarding the postponement of the forthcoming Municipal election, was severely criticised by several members of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee at an adjourned meeting held this evening. Mr. S. K. Patil, President of B.P.C.C. was in the chair.

The resolution moved by Mr. G. G. Mehta, stated that the Congress Municipal Party's decision regarding the Election was "unfortunate" and that the decision should not have been taken without a previous sanction of the B.P.C.C.

Seconding the resolution Mr. Purshotam Trikumdas said that the Congress and the Government had exhibited weakness by postponing the election.

Mr. Bhanushanker Yajnik, Mr. B. M. Maheswari, Mr. S. L. Sitam, Mr. M. Y. Nurie opposed the resolution.

Supporting the resolution Mr. Varad characterised Mr. Patil's step as "irresponsible". Prof. U. U. Bhatt and Mr. Asoka Mehta but their support to the resolution.

Opposing the resolution Mr. S. K. Patil said that he agreed to the postponement of the Election when he found the riots unabating. Under these circumstances it would have been a false election and the joint electorate would have been rendered to nullity.

The resolution was defeated by a majority.

By a resolution, Mr. S. K. Patil and Mr. Bhimji Khimji were appointed as property holders on behalf of the B.P.C.C. in place of the late Revashanker. J. Jhaveri and the late L. R. Tairsee.

Speaking on the resolution postponing the District Council Election to 31st January, Mr. Vanad remarked that the majority party was finding excuses off and on to postpone the D.C.C. election.

The resolution was carried.

Firestone Rubber Workers' Strike

BOMBAY, Monday.

Gen. Secretary, Firestone Rubber Workers' Union writes:—

The 14th day of successful and peaceful strike brought up a new development to-day. The police who have witnessed the peaceful picketting and the calm atmosphere prevailing at the premises of the Firestone Company, this morning ashed the strikers to disperse. The Union Secretary complains that the peaceful strikers were harassed.

The Union members feel that there is absolutely no case for arbitration. The margin of difference regarding the leave facilities, date of payment of bonus, etc., is so small that they think the machinery of arbitration is not at all necessary to settle it.

Swadeshi Stores Employees' Reply To Management

BOMBAY, Monday.

The Jt. Secretary, Bombay Swadeshi Co-op. Stores Employees' Union writes:—

"We are not a little surprised to see the statement of the Manager of the Stores. If the management feels that they have kept the staff satisfied and happy, then where was the objection to agree to refer the whole dispute to the Congress Arbitration? Have they lost all confidence and feel that they would receive injustice at the hands of Congress? Even the Conciliation of the Labour Department under the Popular Congress Government was not agreed to. The decision of the Board of Directors which was agreed to be conveyed to the Labour Officer on the eve of the Strike was not done.

Let not the Management cloud the whole issue by saying that the employees were misled by outside elements. They only offer their advice, but do not influence our decisions in any way.

W. I. A. A. Staff To Go On Strike

Members of the Western India Automobile Association Staff Union at a General Body Meeting held on Sunday the 29th instant under the Presidentship of Mr. G. G. Mehta, have unanimously resolved to go on a Strike from Thursday the 2nd January, in view of the fact that the Association was not prepared to recognise their Union and to comply with their request for a discussion in respect of the employees' demands.

Govt. Peons' Demands

A provincial conference of Government Peons and inferior servants presided by Mr. M. R. Dalvi of Nasik was held at Jalgaon on 25th and 26th of December 1946. Immediate revision of pay, stopping of taking domestic service from Government Peons, fixation of minimum pay at Rs. 40 and Rs. 7 to Rs. 10 as house rent were the chief demands contained in a resolution.

A Central Committee consisting of S. H. Jhabwalla of Bombay, Mr. R. Dalvi, P. D. Raje, and others is formed for pressing the demands of the conference to authorities. The conference has advised the delegates to organise Unions in every town and to collect funds for action in case the Government fails to meet its just demands.

'OPIL' WORKERS' DEMANDS CONCEDED

The workers of Oriental Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., who served a strike notice on the Management of the concern have been successful in their demands. The Management have now agreed to give them a month's bonus, substantial increment in salary, increased dearness allowance and other amenities of life.

STRIKE NOTICE WITHDRAWN

The workers of John Robert & Co., withdrew the strike notice served on the Management as the latter came to an agreement whereby a bonus of one month, increased dearness allowance and other amenities of life were granted by them.

NEED FOR HOMOEOPATHIC COLLEGE AND HOSPITAL IN BOMBAY

A meeting of the Working Committee of the Western India Homeopathic Association was held at Bell Building, Fort, Bombay with Dr. R. R. Thakar, the President, in the chair. Dr. G. B. Patel, the member representing Homeopathy on the Baroda Medical Council delivered a speech on the scope of Homeopathic education in Bombay Presidency and Baroda State.

The resolution was passed requesting the Government of Bombay to start a Homeopathic College and Hospital as a post-war reconstruction plan in Bombay. Dr. Thakar endorsed the views of Dr. Patel and stressed the need of co-ordinated efforts of all Homeopaths of the Province to work out the plan.

The Committee resolved to lead a deputation to the Premier who is the Minister of Education. It was decided to call the All-India Homeopathic Conference in Bombay early next year.

All-India Harijan League

It has been decided to hold the 16th Yearly meeting of the All-India Harijan League under the Presidentship of Babu Hem Chandra Nashkar, M. L. A. Calcutta on the 22nd and 23rd February 1947 in the Gandhi Ground, Delhi.

The Reception Committee has decided that such Harijans shall partii cipate in the proceedings of the Conference, who are fully conversant with the policy and programme of the Congress. Acharya Kripalani, President, Indian National Congress, Maulana Abul-Kalam-Azad, Hon. C. H. Bhabha, Hon. Rajagopalachari and Mrs. Aruna Asaf Ali have kindly agreed to attend the Conference. It is hoped that Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, Babu Rajendra Prasadpi and Sardar J. J. Singh will also participate in the Conference.

The Meerut District Congress Committee has appointed a committee to enquire into the recent communal riots in the districts.

SUGAR CONTROL TO CONTINUE

Forty-Five New Factories To Be Set Up

The Government of India have set up a Sugar Panel to make recommendations on the immediate five-year post-war development of the Sugar industry, said Mr. N. T. Mone, I.C.S., Sugar Controller for India broadcasting from the Delhi Station of All India Radio on the sugar position in the country.

The Panel estimates the probable demand for sugar in the country at 16 lac tons. The Government of India have accepted this view and placed the target of sugar production in the next five years at 18.5 lac tons which is to be covered by expansion of existing uneconomic units, installation of new factories, development of sugarcane and other measures. It is proposed to set up 45 new factories in addition to the existing 170 or so—practically all outside U.P. and Bihar.

CONTROL TO CONTINUE

"The world production of sugar is at present much below the pre-war level, though during 1947 it is expected to be better than in 1946. The present shortage of sugar is, therefore, likely to continue for 3 or 4 years yet. The Government of India are doing their utmost to obtain an allocation of sugar for import into the country from the International Emergency Food Council to supplement our own inadequate production. Meanwhile, control must continue,—otherwise sugar would go the same way as other consumer goods, adding to inflation".

Manager Of 'Bombay Life' Arrested

BOMBAY, Monday.

Great consternation prevailed at Churchgate Street, this morning when the Manager of the Bombay Life Assurance Co., Ltd., and a chowkidar of the firm were marched off to the Phalton Road Police Station by a Police Officer following a spell of rowdyism on the road.

It appears that the watchman concerned, a Gurkha, raised a bogus hue and cry saying that he had been man-handled by some strikers. Hearing the noise, it is stated, the Manager Mr. Balasubramaniam came to the spot and it is alleged said to the Gurkha "Why are you shouting. Haven't you got a Kukri?"

Then in a frenzy of excitement he is said to have with the aid of the Gurkha torn the placards displayed by the strikers and also pulled down a National Tricolour from the hands of a worker. This insult to the nation's banner, it is said, infuriated members of the crowd which had by now gathered on the spot and a Sikh taxi driver who happened to be watching the disturbance, it is stated challenged the Manager and his Gurkha satellite. Had it not been for the timely intervention of the Police who rushed to the place it is said perhaps the Gurkha and the Sikh would have been involved in a 'Kukri'-'Kirpan' battle.

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POONA, Dec. 30, (A.P.I.): Following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours from 1st November 1946 and departure from normal recorded at eight hours IST on December 30 1946. Ahmedabad 77 56 0 1.1 plus 0.8 Allahabad 81 58 0 13 plus 0.7 Bangalore 74 69 0 8.5 plus 5.3 BOMBAY 82 67 0 7.1 plus 6.5 Calcutta 77 62 0 1.7 plus 0.9 Colombo 85 72 0 21.7 plus 13.0 Delhi 85 42 0 0.1 minus 0.4 Jubbulpore 83 56 0 0.0 plus 5.2 Karachi 78 55 0 0 minus 0.3 Lahore 64 36 0 0.4 minus 0.1 Madras 81 72 0.1 50.0 plus 20.7 Nagpur 83 60 0 7.1 plus 5.9 Peshawar 58 36 0 1.0 0 Poona 86 58 0 6.2 plus 4.9 Shillong nil Simla 43 35 0 2.6 plus 0.9 Srinagar 30 22 T 4.0 plus 3.3.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

In the hour of adversity be not without hope, for crystal rain falls from black clouds.

—Nizami.

The Bombay Chronicle

WOMEN IN CONFERENCE

The All-India Women's Conference, whose 19th session is now being held at Akola, is easily the most representative institution of Indian women and has worthily served their cause despite the many difficulties in the way of public service by women in this country. It is, indeed, no small achievement that the Conference has created 200 centres of work and attracted about 30,000 women to itself as members. This is all the more creditable because the Conference carries on political as well as other work concerning women's well-being. That its fame has spread beyond India is clear from the fact that the present session is attended by visitors from abroad including Mrs. Grace Lankester, Miss Dorothea Lankester, Mrs. Hilda Seligman and Lady Pares and that messages of sympathy have been received from Madam Sun Yat Sen of China, Mrs. Begtrup of Copenhagen, Lady Pethick-Lawrence, Miss Agatha Harrison and the President of the Palestine Arab Women's League. We have no doubt that in the years to come the Conference will acquire more and more strength and use it in the best interests of Indian womanhood.

Lady Rama Rau, President of the present session, has rightly suggested that the rights of women should be incorporated in the constitution of an independent India. There will be no difficulty whatsoever in the Constituent Assembly adopting her view that the State should specifically acknowledge women's right to equal citizenship and "categorically accept the principle that no barriers on the ground of sex will stand in the way of a woman's growth and development in public life." This view has always been accepted by Congress and no institution in the country has given greater impetus to women's public life than the Congress. The appointment of a woman as leader of the Indian Delegation to the U. N. General Assembly is but one token of the Congress attitude towards the principle of equal rights for women. The Congress has also ensured the election of a fair number of women to the Constituent Assembly. Lady Rama Rau has wisely suggested the appointment of a strong Committee of the Women's Conference to work in co-operation with these members of the Assembly to win support for the demands of the Conference. The Conference should also accept her sound suggestion that it should take an active interest in the Asiatic Conference, planned for some time next year and that some representatives of women's organisations from the Asiatic countries should be invited to the Asiatic Conference, which would enable Indian women to take an intelligent interest in that Conference.

There need be no doubt about the new constitution for women safeguarding the equal civil rights of women. But the difficulty in India is that women are labouring under many social disabilities and mere legislation, such as is now having fairly easy passage through the Legislatures, Central and Provincial, will not suffice to remove these disabilities. Institutions like the Women's Conference with its many branches should make special efforts to remove women's social disabilities and to demand special educational facilities for women so as to enable them to seize the many opportunities that the new Constitution will present to them.

Library Movement

Every State move to stimulate the seeking of knowledge is sure to be welcomed by the public. So will the decision of the Government of Bombay to start a Central Library in the capital city of the province with an initial grant of thirty thousand rupees. It intends also to develop regional libraries in Poona, Dharwar and Ahmedabad with a grant of Rs. 10,000 to each institution. The Government has thus implemented the main recommendation of the Library Development Committee appointed in 1939. The Committee had taken note of the fact that only ten per cent of the population in India was literate and even compulsory primary education "will not appreciably add to this percentage unless adequate measures are taken to ensure that the people who have been educated receive easy facilities for continuing in the habit of reading". The absence of such facilities means a relapse into illiteracy. The provision of libraries, free for public use, is one of the surest means to prevent such a relapse.

We hope public philanthropy on a large scale will help the State in putting the library movement on strong foundations. The provision and maintenance of libraries is a costly item in the national expenditure. Even in England where the Government maintenance of libraries costs the State 20,00,000 pounds a year, but for the munificent donation from the Carnegie Trust the nation-wide system of libraries would not have come into being. With the advent of popular Government in this country there will be a tendency, of course, to use larger funds to combat illiteracy but they will naturally be spent directly on primary education more and more. The Government can initiate a well-planned library movement but it will have to be kept up to the mark and extended through private generosity. It does, indeed, offer a noble field for the exercise of such generosity.

What will make the movement popular is the provision of a chain of libraries in our towns and touring libraries vans to serve the needs of our villages. The division of this province into regional areas, which can be looked after by a "regional library bureau" will serve the purpose of establishing the movement in towns. A matter of urgent importance, however, is the necessity of reaching the literate villager with a book and persuading him to read it. The rapidity with which the vernacular press has become popular in rural areas is an indication that the literate villager will not need much persuasion to read a book if only he gets a free use of it for a time. The Government of Bombay had almost a complete scheme of village libraries ready in its Budget proposals for 1940-41. At present when it has begun the movement from the large towns, let it also make a small beginning with the villages. Before the whole scheme can be financed, provision can easily be made for library vans which will circulate within a group of villages under the direction of a trained librarian. This would be, we suggest, an effective way of launching over a wide area a worthy movement.

Frankly Speaking

Maulana Azad's Appointment

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad had been pressed from the very beginning to join the Interim Government. He was reluctant to do so. But he has at last been persuaded to change his mind to the good fortune of the Interim Government. It is without exaggeration a particularly valuable gain to the Cabinet. For, Abul Kalam Azad is one of the greatest living statesmen of India. It is reported that he would be given the portfolio of Education. Maulana Azad will literally adorn it. A whole world knows his unique pre-eminence as a classical Muslim scholar and divine. That is only part of the truth about his intellectual attainments. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru has said in his latest book, "The Discovery of India" that the depth and sweep of Maulana Azad's learning always delighted and sometimes overwhelmed him. This tribute is not overdone. Maulana Abul Kalam represents that rare genius that combines classical oriental erudition with vast modern knowledge that might well be evinced by any modern intellectual. In addition, he is a statesman endowed with constructive imagination. The educational future of India could not be in better or safer hands.

A Congress-Syed Lead

Sind is a Muslim Province and in the recent elections it has returned—it is unnecessary and immaterial to refer to the methods—an absolute Muslim League majority. A certain section of Muslim Leaguers, impelled partly by requirements of factional rivalry, has uttered vague words of sympathy for the material well being of the masses. But it was left to the Congress and Mr. G. M. Syed and his group to give a positive and constructive lead in that direction, that is, a demand for the abolition of Zamindari and distribution of land between peasants and Haris. The one secret, and it is an open secret too, of the poverty of the agriculturists and the landless Haris is the land tenure system of Zamindari and the exploitation of the province, its rich resources and its people by the Zamindars. So long as Zamindari exists and Zamindars grow fat over the land and the labour of others, the masses can have no future. Yet the Muslim League leaders, who claim that the League derives its 'raison d'etre' from its obligation to the mass of the people, are virtually silent and inactive beyond emitting a few hums and haws on certain occasions. We are, however, glad that the lead has been given. It is now unto Messrs. Ghulam Hussein Hidayatullah and Khuhro to make the next move if indeed, they make any move at all.

Short-Lived Optimism

During the last two weeks or so, the world has had optimistic speeches from President Truman and Mr. Bevin. Both confidently reported that the chapter of international, or rather, Big Power, conflicts and misunderstandings was about to close and that there were definite signs of the beginning of the era of peace and international friendship. Those were heartening messages. But the hopeful optimism which they encouraged is, we fear, going to prove very short-lived. A complete deadlock is reported in the matter of the control of Atomic energy. And it is a harsh truism that the success of any disarmament scheme and, indeed, of world peace itself, depends on some international arrangement whereby the Powers are deprived of the temptation to manufacture atomic armaments and the world spared the horrors of devastation.

A New Development

The failure of any agreement on the Atomic question is alarming enough. But a new development has taken place which, viewed against the background of existing misunderstandings and failures, renders the situation distinctly more disquieting and, in fact, threatens an international crisis. That is the indictment by the U.S. Special House of Representatives Committee on post-war economic policy and planning of the Soviet Union and allegations of violations by the latter of the Potsdam Agreement. The Committee actually calls for a denunciation of the Potsdam Agreement and an economic boycott of the Soviet Union by America and its debtors Britain, France and others. The dangerous consequences of such a policy are obvious enough: it will create two world blocs and start an economic struggle and an armaments race. What is most disquieting is that the U.S. Committee has passed its resolution unanimously, which means that both the Republican and Democrats are lining up against the Soviet Union. The future outlook has been badly darkened by this development.

Our Readers' Views

Government And Varlis Of Thana

The Bombay Government have issued a communique a few days ago justifying the expulsion of six Communist workers from Thana District. The expulsion was "aimed at curbing the undesirable activities of those who advocated violence to bring about a political change, namely the ushering of a Communist State in India."

That half a dozen workers, two of them belonging to the gentle sex, working in a small corner of this vast continent, could disturb the solid structure of law and order and bring about a revolution in favour of Communism, is a possibility only for the fertile, high strung imagination of a District Collector. Well might the Bombay Government, if it had the gift of statesmanship, have worded its communique in a phraseology so familiar to the student of an English classic: "Because half a dozen grasshoppers under a fern make the field ring with their importunate chink, whilst thousands of great cattle, reposed beneath the shadow of the British oak, chew the cud and are silent, pray do not imagine that those who make the noise are the only inhabitants of the field, that of course, they are many in number or that after all they are than the little shrivelled, meagre, hopping, though loud and troublesome insects of the hour".

I am afraid the reference may lead some people to imagine that these workers among the Varlis of Thana are to be treated with contempt by the Government. But even such contempt would have been a greater complement to their commonsense than the present communique.

I am not an advocate of the Communist Party, nor do I belong to it. I am a detached looker on, if any detached outlook is possible in socio-economic questions. A year ago the Adivasi Seva Mandal, which was and continues to be a respectable body, called attention to the pitiable condition of these very Varlis, drudging as slaves and living a life of poverty, disease, squalor and debt "from which only drunk and death can bring relief". To-day it is another body of workers who are aiming at the same objective,—raising and improving the economic status of the Varlis long before the proclamation of the state of emergency the economic issues between the Varlis and the landlords were settled, both with regard to the rate of cutting grass and paddy and the rate of felling trees. The document signed between the timber merchants and the representatives of the Kisan Sabha was handed over to Mr. A. H. Khan, I.C.S., the special officer who looked after the Varlis. The Varlis returned to work on the 14th November. The state of emergency in Thana District was declared on the same day. Evidently there were landlords and merchants who disliked the terms of the settlement. The fact remains that an economic issue has been converted into a political issue, with the result that these helots attached to the soil will have to continue under the clutches of the landlords, beasts of burden attached to the soil.

P. A. WADIA.

"Off My Chest"

Sir,—The latest and most successful contributor to this unfortunate world's output of piffle is a gentleman named Gulamali Habib.

As one of the critics of Mr. Karaka and perhaps the worst offender in Gulamali's super-critical eyes, who, therefore, am included in his sweeping condemnation of such critics, may I inquire what bowled poor Gulamali over, my big words or my English (good, bad or indifferent as he, in his superior knowledge, may decide)? My tip to you, Gulamali, is to invest in an "Odhams", and then you need not be provoked into waxing quite so indignant through inability to understand my English another time. What have politics to do with the matter, anyhow, Gulamali, and having eschewed politics all my life, what wonder if I do fail to shine therein? And, perhaps, at your considered leisure you will be good enough to state how, where and why I have also "failed in the world of English literature". Who's using empty, high-sounding "big words" now, Gulamali? Not I, this time.

No doubt Mr. Karaka has, in recent times, gone through a bit of rough handling from his critics, under which that delicate blossom well-nigh wilted, but from which, if his Column is any indication, he appears to have fully recovered, I am glad to say. Anyhow, now onwards, he ought to be perfectly safe from such attacks, with so doughty a champion to protect him and to scrape off his sacred person the mud slung at him by ribald rabble like myself, as Gulamali Habib, more grease to his elbow. I readily admit that on some occasions as on the one Gulamali quotes, Mr. Karaka's column is brilliant, but one swallow does not make summer, Gulamali, so what? Swallow hard, Gulamali, and if it still does not go down, throw it off your chest in emulation of your golden idol. Bye bye, Gul!

J. M. N. WADIA.

L'Affaire 'Empire Of India'

Sir,—No, I am not writing about the brightest jewel of the British Empire. That the 'Empire of India' is in the news at present is due to the fortnight old strike of the employees of the "Empire of India Life Assurance Co. Ltd." One had hoped that with the advent of an Indian management the lot of the poorly paid clerical staff would improve. However, the Indian capitalists have shown the same mentality of treating the poor Indian staff with as much neglect as shown by the previous English employers.

When this company was managed by Englishmen, the Indian directors had pleaded that they were helpless in helping the Indian staff as the Englishmen had a complete control over the affairs of the company owing to their holding the majority of shares. A further excuse was always put forth these gentries that as the four Englishmen drew over Rs. 10,000 monthly between themselves, there was very little left to be distributed amongst the Indian staff. This company with funds exceeding seven crores of rupees had some clerks rotting in its service drawing a handsome salary of Rs. 65 after 14 years of hard work!!! Persons of 25 and 30 years of service were enduring a miserly living drawing Rs. 125 to Rs. 150 with no further prospects, as they had already reached their maximum grade!!

There was no pension or provident fund provided for the staff, whereas the leave rules were the most liberal (sic) existing in leading insurance company. A clerk was entitled to a leave of 8 days after 2 years of service, 15 days after 5 years of service, three weeks after 10 years and a month after 15 years service. When in March 1939 the oppressed staff joined together and submitted a petition signed by 120 members of the staff out of a total of 126 employees, the petition was turned down and heads of the various departments victimised inasmuch as five persons with services ranging from 10 years to 34 years were summarily dismissed! Those were the days when the white collar fraternity worked like slaves and, therefore, not a word of protest was raised by the other members of the staff over the dismissal of their fellow members. I was one of the five victims after rendering 16 years' meritorious services and rising to the highest post in the company an Indian was allowed to hold in those days.

Our capitalistic employers, like Bourbons, never learn and today we are witnessing the strife between labour and the capital in its fullest swing. Labour will ultimately win as it has won in all other countries, but as usual only after sacrifice by the down-trodden members of the working class society. It may be that the present strike of the employees of the "Empire of India Life Assurance Co., Ltd." may secure the benefits sought by the employees, but the question still remains to be answered, viz., cannot these strikes be averted by the capitalist employers by granting all reasonable demands of their employees rather than let them go on strike, create bitterness and strife culminating in a disastrous loss to business and the prestige of the firm?

HAL COOPER.

Sardar's Call To Congressmen To Follow Mahatma

Internal Differences Must Be Settled By Peaceful Means, He Says

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 30. (A.P.I.): Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Home Member of the Interim Government, this evening declined to subscribe to the view that a struggle with British Imperialism was imminent in the country.

Replying to a Congress worker from Gujerat who drew his attention to Mr. Jaiprakash Narain's declaration that a struggle was in the offing, Sardar Patel said he did not agree with Mr. Jaiprakash Narain. His language would be different if he believed that a struggle was really imminent. When he was convinced that a struggle was to come he would openly declare so.

The Decemebr sixth statement of the British Government had shaken the faith of many people in the country in British intentions, and Mr. Jaiprakash Narain was at liberty to say what he liked; but Sardar Patel thought the proper cause for Mr. Jaiprakash was to bring a resolution seeking to prepare the country for a strugggle before the A.I.C.C. rather than indulge in talks outside.

Addressing a large gathering of Congress workers from all over Gujerat at the Gujerat Vidyapith this afternoon, Sardar Patel commended the Congress constructive programme to the workers and said that the fourfold programme of national education, communal unity, Harijan uplift and khaddar prachar, enunciated by Mahatma Gandhi, would in itself be a preparation for the struggle if it came about.

The Britishers had, however, decided to quit India in accordance with Mahatma Gandhi's advice. The British had begun to realise there was no place for them in India, although a few Britishers like Churchill were outraged at the prospect of losing India. Such persons were inciting the minorities and the Princes, but despite Mr. Churchill, the British nation had decided to quit India.

The Sardar began by referring to Mahatma Gandhi's East Bengal tour to establish Hindu-Muslim unity and said that nobody in the country had preached communal harmony more fervently than Mahatma Gandhi. Hindu-Muslim relations, however, had never been so strained as they were to-day. At the age of 77, it was a mighty effort for Mahatma Gandhi to make. Nobody could say what would be the effect of his efforts. Man could only labour, but it was for God to recompense such labours.

Had India carried out Mahatma Gandhi's constructive programme, she should have been free long ago. And different type. No one could of course, obstruct us from winning freedom even to-day, but it was doubtful whether the freedom we would win would be of Mahatma Gandhi's conception.

Pleading for the removal of untouchability, Sardar Patel recalled how when Mahatma Gandhi had adopted a Harijan girl as his daughter, the Sanatanists had shouted and abused him. Yet, the Sanatanists in South India were now throwing open temples to the Harijans. Pointing out Gujerat's backwardness in this respect, Sardar Patel said the great temple of Dakor in Gujerat had as yet not been thrown open to Harijans. In the village of Gujerat, Harijans were still being assaulted. Mahatma Gandhi, he reminded them, had fasted both for Hindu-Muslim Unity and removal of untouchability.

Sardar Patel recalled how in 1920 Mahatma Gandhi had founded the Gujerat Vidyapit in Ahmedabad and said it was the real foundation of national education in the country. Many young men gave up their colleges and joined national institutions. Many had given up their avocations to follow Mahatma Gandhi. They had pledged lifelong service to Mahatma Gandhi and his principles and were still working with him. A large number of new followers too had come in with new policies. Some of them thought that what Mahatma Gandhi preached was impracticable. But he (the Sardar) would tell them that had they followed Mahatma Gandhi's programme, they would have been free by now.

Young men in the country to-day wanted to go to foreign countries and imbibe foreign ideas. Some of them did not even like the fabric of Indian society based on Indian culture. No doubt, they all wanted freedom, but the freedom they wanted was of foreign import.

Out of the hunger for Swaraj had emerged communal virus. There was fear of Hindu domination on the one side and of division of India on the other. This poison was the result of not imbibing Mahatma Gandhi's principles.

Some persons believed that another struggle might have to be launched before the country could be free. But he thought the struggle would be against our own internal weaknesses. If we did not remove our weaknesses, we might become a prey to the domination of some other nation.

Although there was an Interim Government at the centre, the Sardar said, they were not happy. This was because they were still embroiled in communal dissensions. The Britishers were not going to settle the differences in the country. These would have to be settled by ourselves. The best course was for the Muslim League to enter the Constituent Assembly and try to convince others of their case. It was our business—and not Britain's—to frame India's future Constitution. Our internal differences could and must be settled by peaceful means and not by fighting.

NATIONALISTS SHELL HANOI

But French Troops Repulse Attack On Capital

PARIS, December 30. (Reuter): Viet Nam (Indo-Chinese Nationalist) troops last night shelled the centre of their capital, Hanoi, which is now held by the French, a French Army Communique from Saigon stated today. The barrage caused "partial damage", but no casualties were reported.

General Jacques Le Clerc, former Commander-in-Chief in Indo-China, who is now on a mission there to investigate the fighting, declared in Saigon today that France had the means to establish order and was sending reinforcements.

The French garrison at Nam Dinh, 50 miles to the South, resisted strong Viet Nam attacks throughout the night, said the Communique. Nationalist troops reinforced their positions round the coastal towns of Hue and Tourane.

Saigon dispatches reported a repulse last night of heavy nationalists' attack against the botanical gardens in the centre of Hanoi and a breakthrough by French troops to relieve the garrison of 2,000 which had been holding out for over a week at Phulang Thuong, 20 miles north-east of Hanoi.

General Claude Valluy, Commander of French troops in Indo-China, has arrived in Hanoi.

CHINA'S CONCERN

A "Reuter" message from Nanking says that the Chinese Government has been in constant touch with both French and Viet Nam authorities in Indo-China to secure protection of Chinese lives and property during the fighting, a Chinese Foreign Office spokesman stated today.

Measures would be taken to prevent fighting in areas where the Chinese were concentrated. Chinese Consular authorities had been given powers to negotiate with M. Marius Moutet, the French Minister for Colonies.

A Paris report says:

The French High Commissioner to Indo-China, Admiral Thierry d' Argenlieu, today was making a first-hand investigation of the conditions in Hanoi where he arrived by air yesterday.

High Commissioner's Tour

During the first day in Hanoi yesterday, Admiral d'Argenlieu consulted with M. Jean Roger Sainteny, Commissioner of the Republic at Hanoi, who was wounded on the opening day of the hostilities, General Valluy, Commander of troops in Indo-China and General Louis Morliere, Commander of troops in Tongkin Province.

The Colonial Minister, M. Marius Moutet, who is also on a tour of inspection of Indo-China, spent today at Pnom Penh, Capital of Cambodia, conferring with the Cambodian King, Sihar Nouk, and other French and local officials.

ROLE OF FRANCE

At a reception for French Government officials, M. Moutet said: "The French role is to restore order in all countries where the French Flag flies. I am here to affirm that France is dedicated to that order and to affirm to all the friends of France that she will not abandon them under any circumstances. We shall not inflict on the people of the French Union an oppressive rule, but we wish above all to be counsellors, technicians and guides".

BIRMINGHAM, Dec. 30, (Reuter): The loading of a convoy of 30 lorries with 300 tons of machine tools to be shipped to India began to Birmingham today, prior to the departure of the consignment tomorrow to the London docks for shipment.

Mahasabha Opposes Residuary Powers For Provinces

Congress Warned Against Acceptance Of London Statement: Strong Centre Urged

GORAKHPUR, December 30. (U.P. I.): The four-days session of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha concluded this evening amidst scenes of great enthusiasm after passing more than half a dozen resolutions, the most important of which is the decision to convene an East Asiatic Conference in the near future representative of Hindus, Buddhists and other sects living in Nepal, Burma, China, Japan, and Malaya.

Other resolutions include decisions to intensify the 'Sudhi' movement, amalgamation of Oudh and Agra Hindu Sabhas into one Sabha, protest against the League Ministry in Sind inviting Muslims from other provinces to convert Sind into a complete Pakistan Province and warning the Sind Government that should it pursue that policy Hindu India would really rescue the Sind Hindu.

REBELLIONS IN STATES

By another resolution the Sabha expresses resentment that in the name of responsible Government and with the object of introducing it in the States, even subversive rebellions are promoted in States like Kashmir and Travancore. The resolution notes with satisfaction that such rebellions have so far been crushed by their respective Hindu rulers. The Hindu Mahasabha offers them its hearty congratulations and assures them of its support in their fight against the pro-Muslim tendency of the Congress.

By another resolution the All-India Hindu Mahasabha gave "instructions" to various units to give practical shape to the Sabha's policy and programme.

WARNING TO CONGRESS

GORAKHPUR Dec. 29, (API.) Dr. Moonji moved a resolution of the day relating to the future constitution of India. The resolution while reaffirming Hindu Mahasabha demand for strong and permanent Centre and expressing its opposition to parity, warned that if the Congress accepted the recent interpreation by His Majesty's Government in order to placate the League it would be the betrayal of interests of millions of masses of Hindusthan who would never submit to it. It referred to Pandit Nehru's resolution in respect of objectives of the Constitutent Assembly and expressed strong opposition to conceding residuary powers to provinces. The resolution further declared that Hindu India would not accept any constitution which would be based on basis of truncated Centre and virtual independence of provinces on which basis the Congress was attempting to frame the future constitution of India.

BETRAYAL TO CONSTITUENTS

Moving the resolution Dr. Moonje said that the time was not far when Congress and Mahasabha would work in co-operation for emancipation of the country. The mover declared it was inconceivable how the constitution framed against the wishes and interests of majority community could be imposed on it. The Congress who had been returned on Hindus votes had betrayed its constituents and he appealed to the Congress to adopt a straight course and wrest powers from unwilling British hands.

Mr. V. G. Deshpande, who seconded the resolution, said the British Government was not honest in its intentions and in conspiracy with the Muslim League was arresting India's march to freedom. He warned the Congress that any constitution frame by the present Constituent Assembly would not be acceptable to Hindu Mahasabha.

Mr. K. Dhamdare of Bombay supporting the resolution, observed that they should not interrupt the business of the Constituent Assembly but watch how far it represented the view point of the Mahasabha, if the Sabha found that the Assembly was proceeding to form a constitution that would be detrimental to the interests of the majority community, it should intervene and make the task of the Assembly impossible. He declared the Mahasabha was in favour of strong Centre for preventing of recurrence of incidents that happened in Tipperah and Noakhali.

DEHRA, DUN Dec. 29, (A.P.I.): Continued snow-fall accompanied by severe cold blasts throughout the day is reported from Chakrata and the surrounding hills today.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Rocket weapons with a range of 6,000 miles will place the United States within shooting distance of "any principal industrial nation on the earth," by 1950, Major-General Curtis Lemay, Chief of Development and Research for U.S. Army Air Forces predicted here.

—Press Report.

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It is reported from Trivarur that Mr. Jagjiwan Ram, Labour Member, Government of India, will lead a party of Harijans for worship in the Shri Thiagarajaswami Temple on January 1.

All this throwing open of Temples by law and its dramatisation is intended only to annoy and spite Smuts, Churchill, Simon and the rest of them. And as such it only serves as a further proof that Field Marshal Jan Smuts and Sir Hartley Shawcross were right in what they reported to UNO and Mr. Winston Churchill is quite right in wanting to stay in India in order to protect untouchables from Caste Hindu tyranny.

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At his prayer meeting on Saturday, Mahatma Gandhi said that the Congress did not attach any political significance to the Hindu Mahasabha.

It is to be hoped that the report of this statement reached Gorakhpore in time for the leaders of the Hindu Mahasabha further to extend the Sessions and devote a whole day to a denunciation of the Congress and formulating plans to combat and crush that aggressive organisation.

In fact, it would be a good, appropriate and quite logical idea to initiate a move for a joint Mahasabha-League front against the Congress.

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Among the things done or rather said by the Mahasaoha at Gorakhpore, are three resolutions, one denouncing the Noakhali harpenings, another asserting that Gandhiji's creed of non-violence had failed there and a third declaring that Hindus were quite innocent in the Bihar disturbances.

Well, you cannot say that the Mahasabha and Messrs. Bhopatkar, Mookerjee and Moonje have disappointed you in any way or failed to rise to anticipations.

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U. Saw, the Burmese leader, has no fears about the Buddhist minority in India and feels confident that it will be well treated since India would like to maintain friendly relations with other Asiatic countries which are overwhelmingly Buddhist.

India, on its part, must recognise that the Buddhists have not demanded a Buddhistan much less have they threatened to establish Buddhistan in the whole of India.

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Which, as you say, brings us to that gallant warrior Khan Aodul Qaiyum Khan of the N.W.F.P.

But need we discuss him at all?

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El Sayed Sir Aodul Rahman el Mahdi, "the Sudanese religious and political leader" who has been to London, declared at Kharboum that Mr. Attlee had assured him that the British "recognise the right of the Sudanese to decide their own future."

That would be all right. But—er—that honorific "Sir" troubles us just a little bit.

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Sir Gilbert Murray, eminent Internationalist and Greek scholar, observes that "to a casual outsider Great Britain seems to be retreating from India and Egypt, utterly embarrassed in Palestine and frightened of Russia."

The casual outsider, being casual, would, we agree, be only partially right.

NO SECRET PACT WITH AMERICA

British Foreign Office Denies French Reports

LONDON, Dec. 30 (Reuter). A British Foreign Office spokesman today categorically denied reports appearing in the French press recently that Britain and the United States would sign a Mutual Aid Pact next spring covering financial, economic and military resources. He said the position was the same as when the Prime Minister told the House of Commons on November 18 that the Anglo-American Staff talks were of an entirely normal kind.

Trade Unionists Support Smuts!

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 30 (Reuter). Two leading South African trade unionists stated today that the vast majority of trade unionists in the Union would support Prime Minister General Jan Smuts' "fight to maintain the White standard of civilisation". They were Mr. A. J. Downes, President of the South African Trades and Labour Council, to which is affiliated many leading trade unions, and Mr. G. McCormick, Secretary of the Joint Committee of nine mining trade unions.

KHER RESIGNS PRESIDENTSHIP

PALGHAR, (Thane) Dec. 30, (API) Mr B. G. Kher, Prime Minister of Bombay who is the President of the Adivasi Seva Mandal is resigning the presidentship owing it is understood, to administrative reasons.

This question will come up before the annual meeting of the Mandal to be held in Bombay in a few days.

It is learnt that Mr. Jehangir B. Patel, who has been associating himself with the work of the Mandal would be the new President.

Mr. Kher has been taking active part in the service of the Adivasis of Thana District since the foundings of the Mandal nearly seven years ago.

4 Knife Attacks In City

Acid Throwing And Looting Incidents: Curfew Extended

BOMBAY, Dec. 30. (A.P.I.): The Director of Publicity, Bombay, in a press note issued late at night says:

"Four stabbing incidents were reported on Monday from Pydhoni, Agripada and Byculla areas. Four persons were arrested in connection with acid throwing, in which four persons received burns. Looting of a minor character was reported from Lal Baug and Lower Parel areas respectively.

The curfew order imposed on certain parts of Bombay as a punitive measure has been extended for a further period of six days from Dec. 31, 1946. The hours of curfew will be the same i.e. from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

AHMEDABAD FREE FROM CURFEW

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 30. (A.P.I.): Curfew has been lifted in Ahmedabad. After its continued enforcement for the last six months owing to communal disturbances the city was declared free from curfew from to-night.

FOUR KILLED IN MADRAS FIRING

MADRAS, Dec. 30 (A.P.I.): Four persons were killed and some injured as a result of police opening fire today on an armed mob, five hundred strong, which is reported to have attacked a party of Malabar Special Police in a village, 35 miles from Cannanore, says a Cannanore message.

One member of the police party is also stated to have received a gunshot wound.

Huge Fire In Dohad Cloth Market

DOHAD, Dec. 29 (API): Forty-two cloth shops in the cloth market were completely gutted as a result of a fire which broke out on Sunday morning according to a correspondent. The damage is estimated at about fifteen lakhs.

News In Brief

MADRAS, Dec. 30, (A.P.I.): The Executive Committeee of the Southern India Journalists Federation at its meeting last night protested against the Government's failure to consult the Press Advisory Committee before action was taken to forfeit the security of the "Desabhimani".

PESHAWAR, Dec. 30, (A.P.I.): Sardar Mohd. Hashim Khan, Uncle of the King of Afghanistan and former Prime Minster of Afghanistan, has reached London after performing pilgrimate at Mecca, states a report from Kabul.

SYLHET, Dec. 30, (A.P.I.): The Deputy Commissioner of Sylhet has issued an order, under Assam Maintenance of Public Order Ordinance, 1946 banning all meetings and processions and collection of more than four persons on streets or public places within the North Sylhet Sub-Division.

SYLHET, Dec. 30, (A.P.I.) About 80 persons, including a Sub-Registrar and a Muslim League organiser, have been arrested at Banlachong on a charge of reaping paddy from the fields without authority. The arrested men have since been released on bail.

LUCKNOW Dec 30, (A.P...): Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant, the premier of U.P. will leave Lucknow tomorrow by air to attend the Kumaon Political Conference at Tanakpur. He will return tomorrow evening.

LUCKNOW, Dec. 30, (A.P.I.): The fourth session of the U.P. Press Conference will be held at Benares on February 9 and 10 1947.

Mr. B. Shiva Rao has been elected as the President of the Conference.

COLOMBO, Dec. 30, (A.P. I.): Ceylon is likely to be represented at the Inter-Asian Relations Conference by the Minister for Health and President of the Ceylon National Congress, Mr George de Silva it is learned.

KARACHI, Dec. 30, (A.P.I.): Maulana Abdul Hamid Badauni, leader of the All-India Muslim League Delegation to Hedjaz, returned to Karachi from Hedjaz yesterday and is leaving for Lahore today. The Delegation stayed for two months in Hedjaz and met King Ibn-Saud and leaders of Muslim countries and acquainted them with the political status of Muslims in India. The Delegation will submit its report to the All-India Muslim League shortly.

BOMBAY, Dec. 30, (A.P.I.): The members of the Wool Survey Mission deputed by the International Mission Secretariat Messrs Arthur Staynes and A Whalley, arrived in Bombay from New Delhi today

The Mission is visiting Bombay in the course of their ten weeks' tour of India's wool growing and manufacturing areas in this country.

NEW DELHI, Dec. 30, (A.P.I.): The dispute between the Central Government and the employees of the Indian Radio and Cable Communications Co., Ltd. was settled here today following an assurance given on behalf of the Government of India that the terms and conditions of service of the employees under the new management will continue unaffected by the change-over of the Company to Government.

MADRAS Dec. 30, (A. P. I.): Permission has been accorded by the Government of French India to Mr. S. R. R. Subramanyam, Organiser of the Congress Socialist Party in Tamil Nad for starting a Tamil weekly "Janata" in Pondicherry. The first issue of "Janata" it is learnt, will be published in the second week of January '47.

PESHAWAR, Dec. 30 (API.) A batch of Afghan medical students has arrived in Peshawar 'en route' to Bombay for a short practical course in surgery and medicine at the Bombay Medical College. The Afghan Government has been sending students for the last few years for training in various subjects in Indian universities.

MADRID, December 28. (Reuter): Five men and two Spanish Civil Guards were killed today in a shooting affray between a group of civilians and a Civil Guard patrol at the village of Fuentetoja near Baena in Cordoba Province. One civilian and one Civil Guard were wounded.

Soviet Attack On U. S. Atomic Control Plan

Gromyko Says It Contradicts U. N. O. Principles

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 30. (Reuter): The Soviet delegate attacked the United States plan for atomic control the moment the United Nations' Atomic Energy Commission met today for what is considered to be one of its most vital sessions. M. Andrei Gromyko, newly-appointed Deputy Soviet Foreign Minister, declared that Mr. Bernard Baruch's plan was "in contradiction to the principles of the United Nations".

Mr. Baruch's proposal to eliminate veto from the International Atomic Treaty was contrary to the Charter, M. Gromyko said. But "in spite of the serious defects of the United States proposals the Soviet Government has no objections to discussing them in detail. The Soviet Government considers it necessary that the above mentioned and other defects in the American draft be removed to bring it into conformity with the decisions of the General Assembly and with the Charter".

"By a decision of the General Assembly on December 14," M. Gromyko continued, "it was recognised that the Security Council should proceed without delay with practical measures for general regulation and reduction of armaments. By the same decision, prohibition and elimination from national armaments of atomic and all other major weapons adaptable to mass destruction are recognised as an urgent objective. In accordance with this, the Atomic Energy Commission must apply the abovementioned decision of the Assembly as the basis for its work. It follows that the Atomic Energy Commission should submit without delay to the Security Council its proposals on prohibition of atomic and all other major weapons adaptable to mass destruction and its proposals on the establishment of an international system of control of atomic energy and other indicated kinds of weapons.

"The United States proposals do not altogether conform with this decision."

An international authority, which the American proposals provide for, is not granted a real possibility of exercising powers of control of atomic energy, M. Gromyko continued. On the other hand the basis of effective activities of the Security Council is undermined by the proposals, since they provide that the principle of unanimity of great powers (veto) should not be applicable.

In this the United States representative "actually proposed a revision of the Charter", Gromyko declared.

"The American representative tried to convince us that his proposal in no way violates the principle of unanimity of great powers or the application of the veto as conceived in the Charter as if the proposal were directed only against an 'excessive' use of the veto. A retreat from the principle of unanimity cannot be covered up merely by statements that such proposals would not lead to violation of this principle as conceived in the Charter".

He dismissed as a "light-hearted play on words" statements that only nations which might intend to break the Atom Control Treaty wanted to protect the principle of unanimity.

"The Soviet Government proposes to consider the United States proposals item by item, to include absolutely necessary corrections and proceed without delay with the preparation of an international convention on prohibition of production and use of atomic and other major weapons adaptable to mass destruction".

Mr. Baruch made no reply to M. Gromyko, but confined himself to moving adoption of his amended report.

Mr. Paul Hasluck (Australia) suggested that M. Gromyko's desire for a point-by-point discussion could be met, but added: "For six months we worked on these problems and now the Soviet representative apparently wants us to start all over again. The importance of our work does not warrant such a dilatory process".

Captain Alvaro Alberto da Mottasilva (Brazil) supported the Baruch plan.

General McNaughton (Canada) said that he would vote for the report as it now stood because the present text was "one which will command the greatest measure of agreement". In accepting the report, General McNaughton said that this acceptance included the recommendations on veto.

Colonel Mohamed Khalifa (Egypt) said: "I can hardly believe this is the result of six months' work. The Egyptian Delegation considers the report now before the Commission sensible and practical and support its adoption".

Sir Alexander Cadogan (Britain) approving the report said on the question of veto: "I must declare that the British Government attaches the greatest importance to the principle that there must be no veto protection of violators of the convention". The provision might have been otherwise worded, but it is now clear that the Soviet Government did not accept the principle itself and that mere verbal changes in the report would not win their approval at this stage.

Disposing of the Russian objection to the establishment of international control within the framework of the United Nations instead of the Security Council, Sir Alexander Cadogan said: "After all, the greater includes the less and the phrase used in the report cannot deprive the Security Council of any of its powers".

M. Alexandre Parodi (France) regretted deeply the situation in which the Commission now found itself where it was apparent some disagreement still remained. He declared: "As the French Delegation agrees with the substance of the Atomic Energy Commission report and with the goal which it is desirable to achieve, the French Delegation will vote for its adoption."

Dr. Quo Tai Chi (China) approving the report said: "We find no difficulty in accepting limitation on exercise of the right of veto.

The Netherlands delegate, M. Van Blockland also supporting suggested that the vote be split between the controversial section referring to veto and the remainder of the report.

After a suggestion by Dr. Oscar Lange (Poland) that the Commission's report might be sent to the Security Council without a formal vote, the Commission adjourned until later today.

WOMEN MUST BE MAKERS OF UNITY AND PEACE

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Highness has graced by her presence.

WOMEN PLEDGE TO STRIVE FOR UNITY

AKOLA, Dec. 30.

One wondered why the All-India Women's Conference turning away from the metropolitan cities decided to assemble at this small town of Akola. Still, after the Curfew, stabbings and arsons which have become a horrible feature of our city life, it was good to be in this place, where even young girls can move about freely till late in the evening, and where the Hindus and Muslims are behaving like human beings. When I asked a coolie, a 'tongawalla' and a hawker to explain this phenomenon, each of them said that the communal peace was due to the joint efforts of the Provincial Committees of the League and the Congress.

Communal harmony was, undoubtedly, the first keynote to be struck at the Conference by Lady Rama Rao, the new President. Picking up the strain from her at a public meeting, the Princess of Berar in her moving speech, which may be described as a starring symphony on them of communal peace, exhorted the mothers of India to work for the day which would see the end of the ghastly affair. However the resolution on communal riots at one stage of discussion in the Standing Committee had threatened to break up the whole meeting.

The Leftist group was bent upon moving an amendment to the resolution which had overlooked the part played by the British in this 'dirty game'. Experienced workers like Kalpana Dutt who have worked in the riot areas had dominated the 'in camera' discussion. The old guard however prevailed upon the Leftists and to the disappointment of many it was finally decided to move the resolution in the open session. Then the opportunity of breaking the monotony of the rather dull proceedings was lost to the greater disappointment of the audience as well as the Press, who to use the words of a woman leader "thrives on controversy".

Appeal To Consembly

The Associated Press of India reports:—

The All-India Women's Conference to-day endorsed the Indian Womens' charter of rights and the memorandum on planning the national welfare drafted by the Standing Committee of the Conference, and requested the Constituent Assembly to incorporate their fundamental points in the constitution of an Indian Republic.

The charter of rights which embodies the demands made by the Conference since its inception 19 years ago, says, "A woman is as much a human being as a man" and "has a definite role to play in the building of a free, healthy, prosperous and moral society" and it is essential that the status of the Indian women is brought on a par with that of man and the present clevage between man's and women's rights is bridged. It seeks to give a woman the independent status of a house-wife instead of that of a dependent of her husband.

The memorandum on planning for national welfare gives an outline of primary and essential needs of a nation and emphasises the need for providing essential services and civilities which promote human happiness and efficiency. Both the brochures have been sent to the president of the Constituent Assembly.

SOCIAL SERVICE MINISTRY.

The demand that a Social Service Ministry should be instituted both at the Centre and in each of the provinces was made in an amendment to the resolution moved by Srimati Kamaladevi and seconded by Mrs. Kitty Shivarao. It would be the job of the Social Services Minister, the amendment stated, to mobilise all available human power to supplement the existing educational and health services and to initiate such new services for women and children as do not exist at present.

The resolution was passed as amended.

A feeling of "deepest shame and horror at the inhuman conduct of our countrymen in the recent happenings in Bengal, Bihar and other parts of India" was expressed in another resolution moved from the Chair and unanimously adopted. The conference pledged itself to strive for communal unity and peace and called on its branches to form Unity Committees, organise relief, send delegations of women of all communities to the affected areas and give training to women in self-protection.

KEEP SUBSIDIZED MILK

The Conference denounced the decision of the Government of Bombay to withdraw subsidized milk scheme and asked that the scheme should be further extended and should form the basis for similar schemes in other provinces.

Other resolutions passed today relate to better amenities for third class railway passengers, eradication of adult illiteracy and improved conditions of service for teachers, revival of cottage industries, abolition of child labour, maternity benefit legislation, and ameliorative measures of labour welfare.

About forty women labourers of local textile mill marched to the Conference pandal this afternoon carrying red flag and shouting slogans. The President of the A.I.W.C. Lady Rama Rau meeting them outside the pandal heard their case in relation to labour dispute and said she would enquire into it. The women then quietly dispersed.

The Conference will conclude its session tomorrow.

STUDENT FACTIONS COME TO CLASH

NEW DELHI, Dec. 30 (API.) About twenty students, including two girl students, were injured following a fight between two rival groups of students which took place this evening inside Dewan Hall. Among those injured are Mr. Ramkrishna Gupta, Acting President of the Students Congress (seceded group). Mr. Gupta received serious injuries and was removed to a hospital. One student has been arrested so far by the police.

It is reported that while arrangements were being made by the students (seceded group) in the Dewan Hall for a meeting a party of 25 students some of whom were armed with lathis, entered the hall and assaulted Mr. Gupta Several students who were standing outside the hall on hearing the news rushed inside and a general melee followed.

Electric lights in the hall were also damaged during the fight.

Later a meeting was held outside the hall at which a resolution was passed condemning the action of those students responsible for the incident.

Before Mr. Gupta was admitted in hospital he was taken out in a procession.

RATION OFFICES CLOSED ON NEW YEAR DAY

All Ward and Area Rationing Offices in Bombay City and the Suburbs, all Government Grain shops and vegetable stalls, Government godowns, Gamdevi potato godowns and all Civil Supplies godowns will remain closed on Wednesday, January 1, 1947, on account of New Year's Day which is a public holiday.

JEWISH TERRORISTS FLOG TWO MORE BR. SOLDIERS IN PUBLIC

Reprisal For Birching A Jew Sentenced For Taking Part In Robbery

JERUSALEM, Dec. 30 (Reuter).—A search, in which police dogs were being used, was taking place last night for Jewish terrorists who earlier yesterday flogged a British officer—and two other British soldiers as a reprisal for birching last Friday of a young Jew who had been sentenced for taking part in a bank robbery.

An official statement issued by the Palestine Government public information office tonight said that eight Jewish gunmen surrounded two British sergeants about 100 yards from the Tel Aviv waterfront tonight, held them up at the point of the gun and bundled them into a waiting car.

The sergeants were then taken to the Zoological gardens bound to a tree and were given 18 strokes each before they were released.

Tonight all troops of the Sixth Airborne Division were recalled to camp following the floggings. Armoured cars equipped with loud speakers toured towns and villages calling on the troops to "get back to camp." Simultaneously hastily-scribbled lantern slides were splashed on cinema screens with the same message.

3 JEWS CAPTURED

One Jew was seriously wounded and three other Jews were captured by British troops when a taxi attempted to cash through a road block at Wilhelmina at 23-00 hours tonight 10 miles East of Tel Aviv. A search of the Taxi produced two rawhide whips, one tommy gun and a substantial amount of ammunition, including some plastic hand grenades.

A RETALIATION

Earlier today the Irgun Zvai Leumi had announced in pamphlets distributed in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv that a British army officer would be flogged in retaliation for the flogging of one of its fighters. The fighter was named in the pamphlets as Benjamin Yossef Kimchin, sentenced on December 11 to 18 strokes of the birch and 18 years imprisonment for his part in the Jaffa Bank robbery. Kimchin who is 16 was told at his trial: "You are lucky. Your age prevents your being sentenced to death."

He was charged with discharging a firearm and with unlawful possession of firearms both punishable by death under Palestine Defence Regulations.

Major Paddy Brett, Distinguished Service Order, Military Cross, who was flogged earlier by Jewish gunmen of the Irgun Zvai Leumi led a patrol to the spot where he received 18 lashes with a rawhide whip somewhere near Nathanya late tonight. Police dogs were used in an effort to track down the terrorists.

MANY MORE TO FOLLOW!

The kidnapped officer-Major Brett of the Sixth Airborne Division—lives at Metropole Hotel in Nathanya with his wife. He was alone when the armed men entered the lounge and said "hands up. Don't move. You will come with us."

He was returned to the hotel one hour later without his uniform, having received what is officially described as a "severe flogging."

The official statement quoted the officer as saying "my captors said: 'You are the first of several'."

Other officers present in the hotel but who were unarmed were forced to stand by helplessly while Major Brett was pushed passed them.

PREMIER KHER CONDEMNS COMMUNIST TACTICS

Deplores Thana Disturbances And Cautions Adivasis Against Misleaders

PALGHAR, Dec. 29. (A.P.I.): Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier of Bombay, presiding over the Adivasis Conference organised by the Adivasis Seva Mandal, of which Mr. Kher is the President, warned them against being misled by Communists. He reminded them of the recent unhappy incidents at Dahanu and other parts of Thana District where the Adivasis were alleged to have assaulted 'sowcars' and landowners and looted properties and said that those were not the ways of a class of people who legitimately were owners of the soil.

"You have borne for years the burden of oppression. Have patience and give us time. We had to fight for long to overthrow foreign rule. We were not impatient. Your economic slavery will vanish as it must in its turn" the Premier added.

"The Congress cannot, simply because it is in power, eradicate social evils like untouchability and forced labour. Changes in economic and social spheres take place as a result of the realisation by those who were gilty. Violence on your part, under stress of provocation and incitement by communists will lead you nowhere. You will pull down the prestige of your Adivasi Seva Mandal and thereby the Congress flag."

The conference, which was held at Maswan, seven miles from Palghar, in Thana District, was attended by a large number of Adivasis from over 120 villages in this part of the District. The conference was called to device ways and means to bring peace and for redressing the grievances of the Adivasis who had lately frequent troubles with 'sowcars' and landlords. Premier Kher introduced a new method of hearing public complaints by asking representative Adivasis to stand before the mike. More than a score came forward with tales of woe, exploitation, starvation and threats of dispossession of their holdings.

Removal of untouchability, eradication of drink evil, temple entry, consideration of the other man's point of view were some of the important points stressed by Mr. B. G. Kher, Prime Minister of Bombay, when he addressed a number of meetings on the concluding day of his tour of Palghar Taluka to-day.

Addressing a largely attended meeting on the occasion of opening ceremony of the local English High School at Tarapore, Mr. Kher said that India was to-day undergoing a great change. He saw new life all over. His recent visit to Delhi to attend the Constituent Assembly impressed him, Mr. Kher said, that inspite of the diverse languages, provincial customs and habits, India was a united country.

Mr. Kher deplored the recent disorders in Thana District and in Bombay and said that the freedom of India which was near at hand would have to meaning if they could not restore peace and order in the land.

Referring to the recent attempts of the Communists to create unrest among the tribal people, Mr. Kher said that it was wrong to expect a revolution in the state of affairs through bloodshed. That was not the Congress method of fighting corruption and exploitation. The landlords could not be dispossessed of the lands by killing them. A new order could be brought about only by converting the minds of the present owners.

Mr Kher advised them to encourage co-operative methods of solving their local problems. People of the villages and towns should take up the responsibility for the welfare of all the citizens and then ask for Government's assistance to which they were entitled.

On his way to Tarapore, Mr. Kher was received by the villages of Umroli, and presented with a purse for the work of the Adivasi Seva Mandal.

In the afternoon Mr. Kher performed the opening ceremony of an hospital at Boisar in the presence of a large gathering.

Unveiling the portrait of the late Ramabai Dandekar at Palghar at the local Bhagini Samaj in the evening, Mr. Kher said that enacting laws would not solve their social problems, as it would require an authority to enforce them. Self-reliance alone would ensure them a proper place in society.

Hunt For Jewish Terrorists In Lydda & Nathanya

Sequel To Flogging Outrages On Members Of British Forces

JERUSALEM, December 30. (Reuter): British military authorities in Palestine plan widespread searches in the Lydda and Nathanya districts of Palestine in a hunt for the persons responsible for last night's flogging outrages against four members of the British forces, an official Communique said tonight.

Announcing military "operations" in the Lydda and Nathanya districts, the official Communique tonight called on the Mayors of the localities involved for their co-operation to enable British security forces to achieve the purpose of tracking down the terrorists responsible for last night's flogging outrages. A comb-out of the Lydda and Nathanya areas has become necessary "in the light of information received", the Communique said.

FIVE JEWS ARRESTED

The Associated Press of America adds:—

High British military officials and police called an urgent conference today and it was reliably reported that new security measures, to forestall any recurrence of the floggings of British soldiers by Jewish extremists, would be drafted. The new measures will also be designed to forestall spontaneous retaliation by British military personnel.

The new outbreak began with the flogging of Major Paddy Brett, 1st Parachute Brigade, 6th Airborne Division, and ended four hours later with the arrest of five heavily armed Jews. It was the first appearance of extremists in force for nearly a month.

Police reported that the night's outbreaks also included a 15-minute diversionary attack on the Rehovoth police station, six miles from Rishon Lezion, where the third of the three flogging incidents took place. No casualties occurred in that attack although the guards were fired at for 15 minutes.

The five Jews were arrested near Lydda when their motorcar tried to break through a road block under cover of machinegun fire. The car driver was wounded when the soldiers returned the fire.

IMMIGRANTS IN HAIFA

Seven hundred and fifty Jewish immigrants reached Haifa from Cyprus aboard the Liberty ship "Ocean Vigour" today.

They were taken to the Athlit Clearance Camp in northern Palestine pending their release into the country on February 15.

REPRISAL IN LONDON

LONDON, December 30. (Reuter): Special Branch detectives were today investigating what may be a reprisal in London for the week-end flogging of a British officer and NCO's in Palestine.

The police, investigating a fire in the Jewish synagogue in north-west London—second within a fortnight—found the words "You Whip—We Burn" inscribed in chalk on a pillar outside the building.

The building had been entered through a sidewindow.

MISSION TO LONDON

Dr. David Ben Gurion, Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive in Palestine, will come to London on Wednesday to make contact with the members of the British Government, an official spokesman of the Agency said at a press conference this morning. He will see whether conditions can be found in which the Zionist General Council would permit attendance of Jewish delegates at next month's Palestine conference—forbidden by the recent Basle Conference "under the present circumstances."

JEWISH REPLY TO ARABS

The Jewish spokesman replied to the reported statement by the Acting Chairman of the Arab Higher Committee which, he said, incorporated a threat of violence on the part of the Arabs to the Jews. "It is very significant", he commenced, "that whereas in the Jewish community, violence and threat of it emanates from the small religious groups, here we have the threat of direct action emanating from a responsible head of the entire Arab community.

All these events, both in Jewish and Arab camps, seem to show how remote is the prospect of any pacification until and unless an equable promise of a political solution is worked out. The situation has gone far beyond the stage when order can be restored by police security measures".

'Dim-Out' To Ease Coal Crisis

LONDON, Dec. 30 (Reuter). Drastic steps to ease the coal crisis which resulted in the closing down of a number of British industries during the past few days were proposed today. The North-West Regional Board of Industry which held an emergency meeting this morning, supported a proposal that all the mills be closed for one week in turn thus obviating the present haphazard stopping and starting which was considered much more harmful than organised stoppage. The position could only be remedied the Board agreed, by a general lowering of consumption imposed nationally. It recommended a 50 per cent cut in electricity and gas used for street lighting and in shops and stores. "If our recommendations are turned down there will be chaos," the Chairman of the Board declared.

Tomorrow the British Cabinet will hold the last meeting of the year at which special emergency measures may be decided upon to deal with the situation.

Mewar Teachers Give Strike Notice

(From Our Correspondent)

BHILWARA, (MEWAR).

(By Mail)

Mr. Durgawat, President, Mewar Teachers' Association in an interview to your correspondent revealed that notice has been given to the Government of Mewar as a result of the failure of all possible conciliatory efforts for the last one year for the amelioration of the conditioned teachers in the service of Mewar Government.

Immediate raising of grades increment in pay, preparation of Education Code as declared by the Government previously, include the minimum demands. The above notice is to expire on 15th of January 1947 when Government Educational Institutions all over Mewar are expected to come to a standstill if the authorities fail to respond satisfactorily in time.

MEERUT, Dec. 29 (API): Chaudhryvija Pal Singh ex-M.L.A. (U.P.) was arrested on Thursday last at Mhiuddanpur village on the charge of contravention of Section 144 Cr. P. C. by addressing a Kisan meeting in the Meerut District. He was brought to Meerut and lodged in the District Jail.

D. F. Karaka:

Off My Chest

While the present committee and the new stewards of the R. W. I. T. C. have done quite a lot to clean up racing, they quite clearly are taking too lenient an attitude to the Maharajah of Gwalior. The difference in the punishment dished out to Davison and Roberts was too glaring an example of this. Some felt that the action taken against Davison was too severe. However, with that as the precedent, the least the Stewards could have done was to suspend Roberts at least till the end of the season, so that the jockey would feel his punishment. Instead by fining him Rs. 500/- the Stewards have made them appear ridiculous for every one knows that a fine is generally paid by the owner. And five hundred rupees to the Maharaja of Gwalior is a mere trifle.

While this unsatisfactory state of affairs regarding the Gwalior stable continues, it is clearly not in the public interest that anyone connected with him and deriving or about to derive a livelihood from the Maharaja of Gwalior should continue to be an official or a Steward of the R. W. I. T. C.

In the old days the leniency of Stewards towards Alec Higgins resulted in untold loss to the racing public. For that state of affairs the public blamed Messrs. A. C. Ardeshir and his crowd. Now that regime has been dislodged and a new set of Stewards have taken charge. This new set cleaned up the Higgins stable and several others but for some obscure reason the Gwalior Stable which should have been taken to task on several occasions has not received a single warning.

Why?

The Maharaja of Gwalior said at an Owners' Meeting two years ago that he was responsible for the training of his horses and that he was guided by his first jockey, Roberts, as to the chances of his mounts. In view of this statement why have the Stewards issued a training license to Major Lad? In the event of an inquiry resulting in action being taken by the Turf Club, who will suffer the penalty?

DR. KITCHLEW ON JINNAH'S REACTIONARY POLICY

KARACHI, Dec. 30, (API.). Nations cannot be built up on Noaknalis. The Muslim League must not lose sight of the fact, that the entire Islamic world opinion is towards Nationalism", observed Dr. Saiffudin Kitchlew, President of the Punjab P.C.C. speaking on the present political situation in the country at the Amil Institute last night.

Dr. Kitchlew said that Mr. Jinnah who was the absolute dictator of the Muslim League, had by his reactionary policy and programme succeeded in isolating for the time being the bulk of the Muslims in India from progressive non-Leaguers

Preparations For Mahatma's Walking Tour

SRIRAMPUR (Noakhali), Dec. 29, (A. P.I.): Preparations for Mahatma Gandhi's systematically. More detailed maps are coming in and a keen study of the routes has been going on at Srirampur cottage side by side with the important political discussions. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was shown details of the routes so far planned for Gandhiji's journey on foot

Mr. Satish Das Gupta who is in charge of the Khadi Pratisthan Headquarters at Kasirhil, has gone out for scouting the route. He will walk at approximately Mahatma Gandhi's speed and determine the time required to walk a given distance between one place and another.

When Mahatma Gandhi was having his morning walk yesterday Mr. Suresh Bose, who is in charge of the Chandipur centre—which is the first halting place in Gandhiji's walking tour—followed behind Gandhiji and measured the walking speed of Gandhiji.

Six Crores Need For Noakhali Rehabilitation

A sum of not less than five to six crores of rupees would be needed for rehabilitation work in Tipperah District, Pandit Nehru was informed yesterday by representatives from Comilla who met him here.

Besides Mr. Kamini Kumar Dutt, President of the Comilla Relief Committee, others who met Pandit Nehru were Dr. Manmoha Nag and Sadhu Charan Wasty.

They discussed with Pandit Nehru problems of rehabilitation of refugees in Tipperah District. When Panditji was told about the financial requirements he stressed the need for mental courage as well as physical rehabilitation.

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DEHYDRATED VEGETABLES

The potato scarcity period has once again commenced and the public is likely to find the prices of fresh potatoes too high. Dehydrated potatoes are available to the public at all the Government Grain Shops at the rate of Re. 1-1-0 per lb. Each lb. of dehydrated potatoes is approximately equivalent to 5 lbs. of fresh potatoes when reconstituted. Therefore, the price of dehydrated potatoes per lb. of reconstituted potatoes is about Re. 0-3-6 per lb. This would compare very favourably with the price of fresh potatoes, which may be available in the market. Dehydrated cabbage and turnips are also available at all the Government Grain Shops at Rs. 2-8-0 and Rs. 2-0-0 per lb. respectively. It is not necessary to produce ration cards for purchasing dehydrated potatoes or the other vegetables and there is no restriction on the quantities which can be purchased

DARK SHADOW OVER GOLDEN THRESHOLD

Princess Of Berar Condemns Communal Outbreaks And Calls Upon Women Of India To Work For Amity And Concord

AKOLA, (Berar), Dec. 29 (A.P.I.): A stirring appeal to the women of India to realise the need for a communal harmony and to instil it in their sons was made by the Princess of Berar, presiding over a public meeting, here to-night under the auspices of the All-India Women's Conference.

The Princess, who was making one of her rarest appearances on a public platform, said: "Now when India rises free to assume her great responsibilities and to act and decide for herself and when she proudly prepares to take her rightful place among the free peoples and the great nations of the world, I am sad because the golden threshold upon which it is stands is cast with a dark shadow and into her cup of joy is poured the corroding venom of communal strife.

"I feel it in my heart", the Princess added, "that it is not thus she should have approached this day, not sure of herself and with inner turmoil and torment tearing at her heart. It is with the calm strength and dignity born of peace and concord among her many-raced children and of understanding of each other's problems and purpose, with courage, conviction and tolerance that she should have moved to greet the dawn of her greatness.

"Then none would have questioned or criticised her ability to attain or maintain that power. Of the many years that have gone to shape this day and of the fire of sacrifice, nothing shall remain for the years to come save the scorching, and burning embers of hate and the dead, dull ashes of destruction."

The Princess continued that a heavy responsibility lay on the shoulders of women in preserving communal concord without which, she said, there can be neither progress nor security anywhere in the land, nor in our homes, whether they be mere mud huts or palatial houses with frongates and guards.

"If those very women and mothers who have, knowingly or unknowingly helped to kill other women's children could but crearly see the importance of their real mission, they would realize the disaster that lies ahead, like a huge, sweeping tidal wave, if they should fail in their task". Her Highness expressed the hope that women would understand and instil the understanding in their sons "that a big country like India which in itself is almost a continent, is naturally the home of diverse cultures, races and religions.

ENRICH INDIAN PICTURE.

"But I do believe", said Her Highness, "that those very same racial and cultural differences will contribute, in synthesis, to enrich the Indian picture, with their many elements like the vividly opposing colours of Titian or Tintoretto, immesurably more than could the black-and-white drabness of a monotonous uniformity of thought and outlook. But in the creating of that great picture, we must possess the art and understanding of the old masters to compose with the opposing, to harmonize and mingle without mixing or destroying.

"Our task is one of gentle welding and of firm self-discipline, for no work may be great or enduring which springs from an irresponsible and unheeding impulsiveness. So, let us blend our colours with wisdom and tolerance and compassion, ere we sketch upon the national canvas. Let this be for us. The women of India, our vision, our desire and our determination".

INDIAN WOMEN AMBASSADORS.

Outlining the manifold activities of the All-India Womens Conference, the Princess of Berar said that they covered a wide range of nation-building services such as health and education, Championing the women's cause in spheres of economic, social and political legislation and actual service to the poor, the hungry and the downtrodden. Among the concrete achievements of the conference were the Lady Irwin Domestic Science College, training centres for social welfare workers, spread of literacy among the masses, rescue homes and relief work among all communities after the recent riots in Bengal and Bihar.

The A. I. Womens conference had, moreover, received eminent representatives of foreign countries and sent its own delegates to international meetings of women in different parts of the world in the service of India. Her Highness paid a tribute to Mrs. Hansa Mehta, Raj Kumari Amrit Kaur and Mrs. Vijayalaxmi Pandit for the outstanding work they had done in the service not only of women but of the country as a whole. Very soon, Mrs. Hamid Ali was proceeding to America as the chosen representative of the Indian women.

The same note was struck by Mrs. Hansa Mehta and Rani Laxmibai Rajwade. India is the motherland of both Hindus and the Muslims, and if the two communities can live amicably in Akola, why cannot they live so elsewhere in the country, said Mrs. Hansa Mehta.

Lady Dhanvanti Rama Rau, President, All-India Women's Conference said the Government of Free India could not be run by men alone. Women must have a share in the great task, and she appealed to men to help their sisters in making up the leeway between their status.

Mrs. Mitha Lam Sheriff of Bombay, explained why A.I.W.C. was so assiduously developing international contacts. "Firstly" she said "womens problems everywhere in the world are fundamentally, the same, and we wish to profit by the experience of women in other countries, who have had an earlier start and secondly we want to counteract the vicious propaganda of Miss Mayoes and Beverley Nicholses. In other words, to use an American colloquialism, we are anxious to "sell" India in the world, and what better 'salesman' can you find than our ambassadresses abroad?

Mrs. Malinibai Sukhtankar of Bombay and Mrs. Sharan of Delhi also addressed the meeting.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

The All-India Womens' Conference to-day transacted routine business and reports of various branches. Also papers on various subjects of interest to women by experts were read. The conference passed a resolution expressing the opinion that the work of educating children under six years should be taken up by women and making various recommendations to its branches in that direction.

Earlier, the Conference passed a resolution condoling deaths of Mrs. Gulbanu Doctor a social worker of Bombay and Vice-President of the conference, Mr. Bhulabhai Desai, Rt. Hon. V. S. Srinivasa Sastri and Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya. The conference also congratulated Mrs. Vijayalaxmi Pandit on her successful advocacy of India's case against South Africa, Mrs. Hansa Mehta on her work on the commission of the status of women at U.N.O., Mrs. Rajkumari Amrit Kaur on her work as a member of the Indian Delegation to U.N.E.S.C.O. and Mrs. Mitha Lam on being the first woman sheriff of Bombay.

RIOT ARRESTS

BOMBAY, Monday.

Sixty-three persons, who were arrested by the Police during the last two days in connection with offences arising out of the disturbances were placed before Mr J. M. Barot, Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Police Court today.

Of these persons six were arrested by the Maharbouri Police for looting a shop.

One man was arrested by the Agripada Police for possession of a dagger and eight arrests were made by the Dongri Police on suspicion in connection with two stabbing incidents.

The remaining suspects were arrested by different Police Stations for offences such as stabbings and lootings.

The suspects were allowed bail pending investigations.

RS. 2 LAKHS COLLECTIVE FINES ON HAPUR HINDUS

A resolution expressing deep resentment on the imposition of collective fines of rupees 200,000 on Hindus of Hapur has been passed by the Hindu Relief Committee Meerut.

The Committee further demanded the setting up of an independent of Hapur before realising the fines. enquiry committee into the affairs Poona Cantonment.

EASTERN STATES UNION

Special Committee Asked To Frame Constitution Early

(From Our Correspondent.)

RAIPUR. (By Mail.)

The seventh Conference of the Rulers of the Eastern States Agency which commenced at the Rajkumar College, Raipur, on the 21st inst. concluded on the 22nd inst. The Resident for the Eastern States Agency presided. About 30 Rulers from Eastern States and the Political Agents of the Chhattisgarh and Orissa States attended the Conference.

The work done by the Special Committee appointed to work out the formation of the Eastern States Federal Union was reviewed and discussed and it was decided to go ahead with greater speed with the formation of the Federal Union and the Special Committee was asked to frame the constitution of the Union as early as possible. Among other subjects discussed are the joint services for all departments in the States and food problem recognition of the Orissa Secondary School Teachers Association, Post-War Development Committee, repeal of the Registration of Societies Act and the establishment of a Medical School for the Eastern States Agency.

OVERALL DEFICIT OF WHEAT

Govt Explains Reduction In Rations

An overall deficit of 35,500 tons of wheat up to the end of March 1947, is estimated by the Government of Bombay. It has, therefore, been thought advisable to reduce the quantum of rationed wheat in the three big cities of the Province viz., Bombay, Ahmedabad and Poona, which are also the main large wheat consuming centres.

It was known at the beginning of this Kharif year that the wheat position of this Province was going to be rather tight up to the end of February 1947 particularly since advances made by the Punjab and Sind earlier in the year had to be returned. On the basis of existing quantum, the Province's estimated consumption requirements up to the end of March 1947 come to 1,57,065 tons, whereas the stocks on hand and in sight either by way of imports or local procurement total 1,21,596 tons. There is thus a reficit of 35,500 tons. Very recently, it has been made clear by the Government of India that it should be taken almost for granted that wheat arrivals in March would be very poor if not negligible. For the purpose of planning, therefore, it is reasonable to assume that import allocation of wheat of this Province is not likely to be improved upon until the end of March 1947. It also appears that the expected figure of procurement of 13,300 tons of wheat up to the end of March is not likely to be exceeded.

The possible solution, therefore, is to eke out "on hand" and "in sight" stocks of wheat until the end of March by which time new crop will be available for local procurement and imports of wheat from abroad might be on a larger scale. Bombay, Ahmedabad and Poona Cities are the main large wheat consuming centres of this Province. It has, therefore been thought advisable to reduce the wheat quantum in these three cities and not take the risk of a wheat crisis.

Free Tea Market In Ceylon

COLOMBO, Dec. 30. (API): Further enquiries in tea and Government circles here reveal that there is absolutely no truth in the rumour that negotiations were going on for a five-year contract for Ceylon tea between Ceylon and the British Government.

The leader of the State Council told the Associated Press of India that neither the Ceylon Government nor the British Government had made any proposals in regard to tea after the Ceylon Government's decision to establish a free market nor had the British Government approached it for any such contract. At the same time, he said, the Ceylon Government would consider the matter favourably if there were any such proposals made by the British Government.

PREVENTION OF QUACKERY IN MEDICAL PRACTICE URGED

MADURA, Dec. 29 (API): The 23rd session of the All India Medical Conference held under the Presidentship of Captain P. B. Mukherjee concluded its three-day session here today after adopting a number of resolutions affecting public health and the medical relief policies of the Government as well as the profession.

The Conference welcomed the broad principles recently laid down by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Vice-President of the Interim Government in matters of health policy to be followed by the central and provincial Governments as well as his assurance of providing necessary funds.

The recommendation by the recent Provincial Health Ministers Conference held in Delhi that central and provincial boards of health and health councils be formed was welcomed by the Conference and the Central and Provincial Governments were strongly urged to give adequate representation to the Indian Medical Association on these bodies. The Conference also welcomed the decision of the Health Ministers to abolish the civil side of the I.M.S.

In order to prevent quackery in any system of medical practice in the country the Conference by another resolution urged on the Central and Provincial Governments and Indian States that an Act should be passed to prevent any person from practising any system of medicine unless he possessed the requisite qualification in that system of medicine recognised by the respective Governments and registered in the provincial register and to make it penal for unqualified and unregistered practitioners to practise medicine.

The Conference reiterated its previous resolution on the need for the establishment of at least one college of pharmacy in every province at an early date.

BIRTH OF A NEW STALINGRAD

MOSCOW, December 29. (U.P.I.): A third of the homes destroyed by the Germans in Stalingrad have been restored and Stalingraders have moved into houses with an aggregate floor space of 600,000 square metres, reports the Tass Agency.

Another 1,300,000 square metres of living space will be commissioned in the city during the next five years. In other words, every day Stalingrad families will be moving into new, comfortable flats at the rate of 40 a day.

NEED FOR IMPROVING LOT OF INDIAN CHILDREN

Morarji Desai Lays Stress On Proper Education For Mothers

BOMBAY, Monday.

A Charter enumerating some of the elementary and inalienable rights of Indian children was adopted unanimously at the Child Welfare Conference convened under the auspices of the Balkan-Ji-Bari at the Convocation Hall on Monday afternoon. The conference also by a resolution expressed its conviction that the congestion in the cities of India and the dearth of open spaces and playgrounds were inimical to child's life, stifling its growth and undermining its health.

The conference was inaugurated by Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister, and was addressed by several speakers on problems pertaining to children's welfare. Dr. J. M. Kumarappa presided.

The Charter adopted at the meeting included such rights as freedom to live in a free country and a free environment, opportunity for all-round development unhampered by any limitations of caste or creed, provision for a happy home environment, adequate food and clothing, freedom from fear and chastisments, ante-natal and post-natal care, good education, facilities for play and recreation and protection against exploitation in any form for the benefit of parents or guardians.

In passing the resolution regarding the effect of congestion in the cities on the health of the children, the conference called upon the Municipal and Government authorities all over the country to take immediate and effective steps for providing adequate spaces and play grounds within reasonable distances of all residential areas. In this connection the conference urged on the authorities to pay special attention to the children in the slums.

Inaugurating the conference, the Home Minister, pleaded for the better education of the mother and stressed the importance of impressing on the child's mind the value of the dignity of domestic labour. Mr. Desai said that wherever he had gone he had noticed a tendency on the part of the upper as well the middle class parents not to extract any work from their children. It seemed to him that they were almost ashamed to do so. This was rather regrettable. Every family could not afford to keep a servant, and even if it could, it was desirable that parents should make their children work a little, thus teaching them dignity of honest labour This would surely help them and make them self-reliant all their life.

Mr. Desai said that mother's education played an important role in moulding the destiny of the child. It was regrettable that the Indian woman was still in a backward and dependent position. The lot of the Indian child could be improved only by imparting useful and liberal education t the mother.

At the outset the Home Minister observed that an opportunity had been offered to them for the creation of a new India—the India of tomorrow. The child being the foundation of that new India it was better to think seriously how best he could help in shaping the destiny of the country. India was a poor country. So appalling was the condition of her people that they could not even think in terms of their children's future. The task of ameliorating the condition of the Indian child was thus a difficult one. Nevertheless it was an important task, and deserved serious consideration.

Dr. J. M. Kumarappa in the course of his presidential address pleaded for the recognition of the importance of family contact in the development of the child. He also stressed that good teachers were necessary for moulding the children into good citizens.

Lady Rustam Masani welcomed the guests. There was also a symposium on "Contributions to a Happy Childhood. Rev. L. Raymond spoke on school's contribution, Mrs. Choksey on books for children, Dr. B. H. Mehta on play, and Mr. Hamid Sayani on "Dramatics for Children".

Russo-Norwegian Trade Pact

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter): A two-year trade and financial agreement between the Soviet Union and Norway was signed in Moscow on Friday, the Moscow Radio reported tonight.

Provision was made for its expansion.

Russians will send Norway raw materials for industry and other goods in exchange for Norwegian goods needed for Soviet economy.

Calcutta Electric Workers Threaten Strike

CALCUTTA, Dec. 30, (A.P.I.): The workers of the Calcutta Electric Supplies Corporation at a meeting yesterday decided to go on strike from January 21 next if in the meantime their demands are not met by the management. The meeting accordingly directed the Secretary of the Electric Workers Central Council of Action to serve a three weeks' strike notice on the management.

The workers demands include increase in wage and other improvements in service conditions.

CRASH BABY MAY SAVE MOTHER'S LIFE

SHANNON, Eire, Dec. 30, (UPA): Four-and-a-half-months old Charlie Bruce Delaby gurgled happily on a cot beside his seriously injured mother in St. John's Hospital at Limerick today and doctors hoped the baby's presence would save the life of the wife who survived the Trans World Airlines Constellation crash yesterday.

All eleven persons who survived the crash that killed 12 others were reported to be "progressing satisfactorily." An inquest into the deaths of the 12 victims was tentatively scheduled later today.

Mrs. Edith Delaby, French-born wife of an American soldier, who was on her way to join her husband, was believed dying last night but showed some improvement today when her baby was brought to her bedside. The child escaped without injury when Air Hostess Ferguson threw the baby to safety just before the plane crashed. Rescuers found the baby so covered with mud that its clothes had to be cut away. Mrs. Delaby is suffering from concussion and severe shock.

Refashioning India's Economic Structure

Prof. Rudra Pleads For Compromise Line Between State Control And Private Enterprise

KARACHI, December 30. (A.P.I.): "We cannot hand our entire economy into the hands of the State nor on the other hand can we leave it wholly to private enterprise. Our method must be a judicious amalgamation of public co-operative and purely private types of ownership and management", said Prof. S. M. Rudra of the Allahabad University in the course of his presidential address to the 29th conference of the Indian Economic Association held here today.

Prof. Rudra said that one could have urged for the rapid nationalisation of several industries but for the fact of the scarcity of trained and experienced personnel and bureaucratisation of economics, as in India, under the present standards. It was patent, he added, that increase of production was greatly needed in the country and at the present juncture India could not take too great risks in refashioning the entire economic structure. While the State might be omnipotent in the sphere of politics, it was doubtful if it could be assumed to be so in the field of economics.

GANDHIAN OUTLOOK

Prof. Rudra referred to the philosophy of motivisation and said that the Gandhian economic philosophy of trusteeship was commendable, but he doubted if there were not grave drawbacks attached to a system, organised on the basis of reward according to the need, performance and capacity. The modern technique could combine the advantage of the efficiency of production of the capitalistic system with the rendering of appropriate service to meet the needs of the communistic order. If opportunities for the development of the capacity of the individuals, differently endowed, were provided, this would have gone a great way to usher in a just social order, he added.

ISOLATION NOT POSSIBLE

The President said that India could not afford to neglect outside thought and isolation in the world of ideas was not possible. She could not 'en bloc' accept and translate ideologies, institutions and practices that had sprung up in different soils under different historical climates. It was, therefore, India's business to analyse by research and study the correct national tendencies reacting to international forces.

RESEARCH IN 'VARSITIES

Prof. Rudra emphasised the need for research in universities and a proper educational system and suggested that a small representative commission with suitable terms of reference should be set up to examine the matter of economics and statistical instruction and research at the universities. Special instructions for research should be founded with State aid. He pleaded for a closer co-operation between the academic and administrative sides of India's national life.

TRAGIC PARADOX

Referring to the food production programme, Prof. Rudra stressed the need for securing the support of peasants and said that there should be appropriate reward and guarantee of minimum price. For the purpose of ensuring equity in the economic system, he said there should be control of prices of all staple non-agricultural commodities as well. "While we are a vast agricultural country, the tragic paradox has to be admitted that encouragement of the import of foreign foodgrains would have to be adopted as our national food policy till such time as we shall be able to raise sufficiency of food grains to meet its normal needs."

FOREIGN TRADE POLICY

Dealing with the question of international trade and industrial policy Prof. Rudra said that India had no desire to adopt an isolationist policy antagonistic to other countries. It was obvious India cannot have one-way traffic in international trade. She believed in multi-lateral trading and would deal equitably with those countries which would deal equitably with her. Immediate purpose, however, Prof. Rudra said, for a decade or two would be to build up her own industries. Her tariff policy would largely be protective rather than revenue yielding in character. It was, however, desirable that her foreign trade should be more directly under State control than it was before and the continuance of a system of import and export licences would appear to be inevitable. Prof. Rudra suggested State control over foreign exchange operations and stabilisation of bullion price, "for India, as a great consumer of bullion, would be able to exercise influence over the international price of silver and gold".

FOREIGN CAPITAL IN INDIA

Prof. Rudra spoke about the suggestion of acquisition of British industries in India as a means of scaling down sterling balances and said: "If however, it is decided for the sake of policy to liquidate British capital in the country, I would make it a condition that all such concerns should be taken over by the State and only by the State. The nation and not any section of the community, however powerful, should have the option to purchase. Many of the British industries are basic and vital in character.

LABOUR UNREST

Dwelling at great length on Labour unrest in India, Prof. Rudra said that the cost of living had not ceased to rise and labour was thoroughly apprehensive of the future. The advent of popular Governments had excited their aspirations and it had made them impatient to a degree.

He felt that the situation in the country would change drastically and the old type of labour leadership could not hold labour much longer. If labour was not satisfied, spontaneous action would take place all over India and a new type of virile, daring and uncompromising leadership would take control of India's labour force.

Prof. Rudra felt that Labour might even press for the establishment of a Socialistic, if not a Communistic State in India. A Peasants and Workers Republic might well be their political goal. He suggested that the State should undertake immediately social security measures and the system of old age pension.

At the outset Prof. Rudra extended the respectful greetings of the conference to the Interim Government.

ULTIMATUM STORY DENIED

Moscow Explanation Of Dairen Incident

MOSCOW, Dec. 30. (Reuter): The special correspondent in Dairen, Manchuria, of the Soviet Communist Party newspaper "Pravda" quoting "an authoritative source" declared today that the report from Dairen that the Soviet authorities there had delivered a 48-hours ultimatum to a United States ship to leave the port "gives a wrong interpretation and is tendentious".

(Last week a report from Dairen received in Washington declared that the United States naval landing craft sailed from Dairen on December 23 after receiving a verbal ultimatum from Russian military officials—"unless you leave within 20 minutes we will not be responsible for the consequences").

"The local port authorities were not notified of the arrival of this ship until it was actually sighted in the harbour on December 18", the "Pravda" correspondent wrote. The notice then received said that a Government courier was abroad the vessel.

The correspondent continues: "When the ship arrived in Dairen, the Captain told the Soviet Command representative that besides the diplomatic courier, there were on board American correspondents and representatives of an American Company.

The Soviet Officer stated that since he was not notified of the proposed arrival of these persons, they could not remain in the port.

After the expiration of the 48-hour limit set by the Americans themselves, the American Consul-General informed the Soviet representative that the vessel could not sail at the appointed time as the Captain was delayed. The vessel remained in the port without any hindrance for several more hours till the Captain returned."

KARACHI, Dec. 30 (APL) A meeting of the new League Assembly Party has been convened for January 3 to elect its Parliamentary Leader and other ministers in accordance with the advice given by Mr. M. A. Jinnah.

The meeting will also elect six Parliamentary Secretaries and propose the names of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker.

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The local Bullion Exchange is well-known for its extensive speculative business. Professional operators with their huge financial credit generally manipulate the market and at present quotations in the local market are considerably higher as compared with London and New York prices. This is due to active manipulation by professional Bull operators who forced heavy short covering and active buying against option business. They are controlling the floating stock of the market and there is scarcity of contracts. The Bullion Exchange while adopting the present contract made no provision for margins and allowed professional operators freehand. It is generally believed that the firmness will be maintained upto settlement of Teji Mundi transactions.

The market opened today very steady and Posh Silver was quoted at Rs 150/4. At the opening there was moderate realising and Posh delivery declined at Rs 149-6 but professional Bulls with the intention of a corner bought freely and silver improved at Rs. 151/-. Ready Silver was placed at a premium of Rs. 6 at Rs. 157. Posh Gold opened at Rs. 100/- and after declining at Rs. 99/12 and rallied at Rs 100/-. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 103/8. Arrivals of silver are increasing and are expected to have depressing effect on the next settlement.

There was steady buying by professional operators and Posh Silver was pushed up to Rs 152/4 and Ready Silver stood at Rs. 158/4. Posh Gold was also steady at Rs 100/8.

The market closed as under:—

Ready Silver	158	2	0
Posh Delivery	151	10	0
Ready Gold	103	4	0
Ready Gold due date 4th	102	0	0
Posh Delivery	99	15	0

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, Dec. 30

The Cotton Market was quiet today at the start with moderate selling. January contract is now maturing and most of the business is being done in March delivery.

Today January opened at Rs. 456-12 against expected opening at Rs 458 and declined at Rs. 455/8 under moderate selling: March option opened at Rs. 469 and declined at Rs 458. There is a fairly large long interest in March delivery which indicates technical weakness.

Thereafter there was moderate buying which improved January at Rs 457 while business in March delivery was reported at Rs. 469/8.

The market finally closed at 4.30 p.m. as under:—

I.C.C. Jan	458	4	0
I.C.C. March	470	12	0
I.C.C. May	480	4	0
I.C.C. July	491	4	0
I.C.C. Sept.	499	12	0

INDIAN COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton January Contract is 15.37 cent points below New York January at Exchange rate 331.

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES.

BOMBAY, Dec. 29.

	Hi.	Low.	Closing
Jan	459	457-1/2	458-1/4
March	472-1/4	470-1/2	471-3/8
May	481-3/4	479-1/2	481-1/8
July	492-1/2	490-1/2	491-1/8
Sept.	501	499	499-7/8
Karachi 4F Jan.	49-15-3	49-12-3	49-14-3

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, Dec. 30

The Produce market was firm today with active buying as a bitch has developed over existing contracts. The merchants who have sold to mills and are unable to deliver find themselves caught as non-fulfilment of contract virtually amounts to cancellation of contract. There was a move to fix price for outstanding contracts but no decision is taken. In the meantime agriculturists demand higher rate for groundnuts and have made strong representation to Government either to raise the price of groundnuts or reduce the rate for oil. These difficulties make traders to believe that the control will be postponed. Quotations May delivery opened today at Rs. 118/8 and advanced at Rs 118/12 but later declined at Rs. 117/4 on general selling. Quotations were as under:—

GROUNDNUTS—			
December January ..... Rs.	21	5	0
January March	21	2	0
Khandesh Ready	22	8	0
Coromandal	21	14	0
Bold	21	4	0
LINSEEDS—			
Ready	26	4	0
February March	24	2	0
TILSEEDS—			
December January	33	4	0
Ready	38	8	0
CASTORSEEDS—			
Navlakhi Ready	26	4	0
December January Navlakhi	25	4	0
Goa Delivery	25	12	0
Bombay Delivery	25	6	0
May Delivery	117	2	0
GROUNDNUTS OIL—			
Bombay Mills	16	2	0
Up-country Mills	15	6	0

SHARE BAZAR

BOMBAY, Dec. 30

The Bombay Stock Exchange was officially closed to-day but privately business was being done. Bombay Dyeings were quoted at Rs. 3120, while business in Tata Steel Defds was reported at Rs. 2845. The market will open officially on 2nd January and settlement will take place on the next day.

January Delivery	13	14	0
Linseed Oil	18	4	0
Cottonseed Oil	15	14	0

Industrial Users Buy Silver In N. Y. Market

NEW YORK, Dec 23 (U. P. A.): After a drop of 3-1/2 cents per ounce in the price of foreign silver during the past week, the New York Bullion Market steadied of Friday when industrial users brought approximately 150,000 ounces at 84 cents per ounce.

During the decline, sales have been averaging 100,000 ounces daily with offerings averaging 200,000 daily. Bullion dealers hope that sales will increase soon as manufacturers of jewellery and silverware resume operations after the lull following completion of their manufacturing for Christmas trade.

Since completing their Christmas activities, manufacturers have been operating only on a limited scale and have been, at the same time, sending back fairly large amounts of scrap silver. According to silver dealers, there have been no further offerings of large amounts of foreign silver from China, India, England and the Near East such as were made several weeks ago. They pointed out that most of this silver was for future shipment and most needed refining. Dealers say that as far as they know, none of the foreign silver offerings were taken by U. S. buyers and though an "important" silver user here bid on a large amount of Russian silver offered by Near East interests, the seller had not replied.

U. S. refiners are still working on a considerable remaining portion of the 6,000,000 ounces of Spanish silver coins shipped to the United States several months ago and it is understood that another 3,000,000 ounces of Spanish coins have been shipped to England for refining.

Central Bank Of India, Ltd.

The following is the Statement of Liabilities and Assets of the Central Bank of India Limited for the fortnight dated 15th December:—

Liabilities:—

	Rs.
Capital Subscribed	5,23,35,000
Capital Paid-up	61,67,000
Reserve and Contingency Fund	2,53,35,000
Deposits, Debts due to Banks and Agents, Bills Payable, etc.	1,19,84,88,000
Sundries including Branch Adjustments	23,66,39,000
	1,48,66,29,000

Assets:—

	Rs.
Cash Credit and Overdrafts on Government and other Authorised Securities	39,23,53,000
Loans on Government and other Authorised Securities	11,76,78,000
Bills Discounted	6,92,63,000
Lands and Buildings	93,19,000
Sundries including Branch Adjustments	19,28,30,000
Cash in hand, at Banks, Moneys at Call and Investments in War Bonds Government Paper, Treasury Bills, Shares, Debentures, etc.	70,51,86,000
Total	1,48,66,29,000

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, Dec. 30.

B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 Ready.

B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months.

London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 31/32 Ready.

London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Months.

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/32 to 9th month.

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/16 10th—12th month.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/16 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 3/32 5th & 6th Months.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/8 7th—9th Month.

London Banks Buying 90 d/st. 1/6 5/32 to 4th month.

London Banks Buying 90 d/st. 1/6 3/16 5th & 6th Months.

London Banks Buying 90 d/st. 1/6 7/32 7th—9th Month.

New York B. C. Rate T. T. Rs. 332 1/2.

New York Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 332 1/2.

New York Banks Buying T. T. Rs. 329 3/4.

New York Banks Buying D. D Rs. 328 3/4 under L/C.

New York Banks Buying D. D. Rs. 328 1/2 not under L/C.

Montreal Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 333.

Montreal Banks Buying T. T. Rs 329 1/4.

Montreal Banks Buying D. D. Rs. 328 1/4.

Paris Banks Selling T. T. Fcs. 3550.

Paris Banks Buying T. T. Fcs. 3650.

Amsterdam Banks Selling T. T. D. D Fl 79.

Java Banks Selling T. T. D. D. ——

Hongkong Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 84.

Singapore Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 157 1/4.

New York/London Cross Rate dol. 4.03 3/8-4.03 1/2.

London/Hongkong Cross Rate 1/2 13/16-1/3 3/32.

London/Singapore Cross Rate 2/3 15/16-2/4 5/32.

London/Paris Cross Rate Fcs. 479.70-480.30.

London/Belgium Cross Rate Fcs. 176 1/2-3/4.

London/Switzerland Cross Rate Fcs. 17.34-36.

London/Stockholm Cross Rate, Kr. 14.47-50.

London/Denmark Cross Rate Kr. 19.32-36.

London/New York Cross Rate dol. 4.02 1/2 4.03 1/2.

London/Montreal Cross Rate dol. 4.02-4.04.

London/Amsterdam Cross Rate Fl. 10.68-70.

London/Java Cross Rate Fl. 10.68-70.

London/Bangkok Cross Rate Tcl. 40.

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Dull.

Gold London £8-12-3.

Gold New York dol. 35.

Silver London 55 1/2.

Silver New York 85 3/4.

London Discts 3 Months 17/32. p.c.

London Discts. 6 Months 9/16-5/8 p.c.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent. Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.

Money:—Call 1/4 per cent, 3 Months 1/2 per cent, 6 Months 3/4 per cent 12 Months 1 1/4 per cent.

Tone: Steady enquiry.

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

Statement of the Affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 20th December:—

LIABILITIES.

	Rs.
CAPITAL:—	5,62,50,000
Reserve Fund	6,12,50,000
Fixed Deposit, Savings Bank, Current and other Accounts	961,14,44,000
Sundries	2,63,28,000
Total Rs.	275,52,72,000

ASSETS.

	Rs.
INVESTMENTS:—	
Government Securities	144,27,24,000
Other Authorised Investments	10,72,92,000
ADVANCES:—	
Loans	36,04,26,000
Cash Credits and Overdrafts	40,87,09,000
Bills Discounted and Purchased	5,94,99,000
Dead Stock	1,57,28,000
Sundries	1,63,57,000
CASH:—	
In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India	33,07,75,000
Balances with other Banks	1,37,62,000
Total Rs.	275,52,72,000

BANKERS CLEARING.

Cheques delivered through the Bombay Bankers' Clearing House during the week ending 27th Dec. 1946 were as under:—

Number of Cheques: 126572.

Amount of Cheques: Rs. 39,26,81,496-12-5.

U.S.A. TEXTILE EXPORTERS

To Compete In Empire Markets On Equal Basis

NEW YORK, Dec. 28, (UPA): The Textile Export Association has asked the U. S. Tariff Commission to bring changes in the British preferential agreements to make it possible for American textile exporters to compete in Empire markets on an equal basis with Lancashire suppliers, it was learned today.

IMPERIAL PREFERENCE

The Association declared that British imperial preference agreements are the main barriers to increased world trade and said that as a result of these agreements, British producers of cotton textiles in pre-war years were given undeniable advantages in the British Empire markets by being permitted to export textiles to these markets at tariff rates substantially lower than those applied to American textiles.

The report also emphasized the need for making business more fluid with countries that have accumulated large funds in blocked sterling and said that the possession of blocked sterling was a major barrier to trade in many markets where importers were anxious to buy American textiles but were unable to do so since their assets in most part have been converted into sterling which can be spent only for British goods.

Unless these agreements are eliminated, they will hamper trade with Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand and South Africa, the report said.

Cheap And Useful Literature For Adults

City Adult Education Committee's Plan

The Bombay City Adult Education Committee has drawn up a Plan for the production of cheap and useful literature for the new adult literates and has decided to give effect to the Plan immediately, for which a special amount has earmarked.

The Plan contemplates to publish small booklets containing 24 to 32 demi size pages, including some suitable illustrations.

The subject matter of these booklets will cover a number of topics relating to the life of the workers and peasants. The Plan envisages to produce new literature as well as old one retold also.

The subject matter will be presented in simple language and bold type and under suitable headings. The texts of the booklets may be in any Indian language which will be translated in other languages, if the Committee thinks it suitable for such translation.

With a view to attracting the proper type of writers, it has been decided to pay from Rs. 50 to Rs. 100 as remuneration for writers of these booklets.

The Committee will claim the sole copyright to publish and/or republish the text received from writers and get them printed at its own cost.

The Committee appeals to the renowned writers who can write with authority on the several life-problems of the masses, to come forward and co-operate with Committee for making the Plan successful. For further details about the Plan, the intending writers are requested to get into touch with the Special Literacy Officer, Yusuf Building, Churchgate Street, Fort, Bombay.

SEVERE PLAGUE IN BIJAPUR

BIJAPUR Dec. 30, (A. P. I.): A severe plague epidemic is reported to be raging in several talukas of Bijapur District. A family consisting of eleven members in village Sarwad is reported to have been completely wiped off. The epidemic is particularly virulent in villages of Sarwad Bagewadi and Kakhandki. A report from Indi taluka states that epidemic has claimed there five deaths during the last four days. The number of attacks here during this period is eleven.

The epidemic which showed signs of abatement in Bijapur City also once again threatens to flare up. During the last fortnight ten attacks are reported of which five proved fatal.

PREDICTIONS OF BUSINESS RECESSION IN U. S. A.

European Countries Seek Cotton In Southern Markets

NEW YORK, Dec. 28, (UPA): A United Press review of the New York Cotton Exchange for the week ended today shows that prices strengthened in the final full week of trading during 1946, rising almost five dollars per bale to reach the highest prices in two months and score a cumulative gain of dol. 30 per bale from the extreme low registered on the October break.

At Saturday's close the list ruled 28 higher to seven lower —dol. 1.40 per bale higher to 35 cents per bale lower — than in the previous week.

Widespread predictions of a business recession and the beclouding of the industrial picture by the labour's insistance on a portal to portal pay issue tempered the buying enthusiasm in the final sessions, but not until the March delivery went through the 33-1/2 cent level or six cents per pound above the October low.

EUROPEAN DEMAND

The pre-holiday rise reflected active trade, mill and shipper buying against textile contracts and export sales. Spot market reports said that hali-a-dozen European countries were seeking cotton in South-Eastern markets for shipment from January through March. Increasing hopes of early resumption of private exports to Germany and Japan and the prospect for a tight domestic situation before the next harvest because of the broadening domestic demand and export requirements lent impetus to the rise.

Trade interests estimated that the carry-over of the reserve in July might be reduced to 2,800,000 bales versus 7,500,000 bales carried over into the present season.

The partial setbacks later in the week were coupled with business recession predictions plus reports of price-cutting in apparel items in the retail field and technical realizing following sharp advance.

CALICUT MARKET

CALICUT, Dec. 30.

Coiryarn Beypore 175/185; Quilandy 195/205; Fibre Garbled 180; Ungarbled 170; Cocoanuts Raw 170; Dry 190; Cocoanut Oil 600; Copra Office 365; Dilpasand 380; Madrasnottam 425; Goodsgopda 400; Pepper Wynaad 610; Country 590; Dry Ginger Charnaad 360; Ernad 350; Coffee Robusta 87; Timber Pali 50/52/8; Junglewood 32; Vellapine 45; Benteak 52; Teak 95; Mango Planks 4/8; Teak 18/20; Rosewood 17/8/20.

MEXICAN GOLD COINS DECLINE.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 28: All types of Mexican gold coins except the "Centenario Antiguo" were offered at 4.25 pesos on Friday. The "Antiguos" were offered at 4.30. All silver coins were offered at 1.05 pesos.

Market sources said that some demand encountered for gold brought a slight increase while silver declined slightly under the influence of New York quotations.

Gujarat Must Forge Ahead

Sardar's Appeal To Inmates Of Harijan Ashram.

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 30 (A. P. I.): Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Maniben, visited this morning the Harijan Ashram on the banks of the Sabarmati where Mahatma Gandhi used to live until he moved down to Sevagram in 1930.

The visit apparently evoked many historic memories in the mind of the Sardar and, as he moved about the Ashram premises, he looked touched.

The Sardar spent over an hour, visiting various establishments in the Ashram, the handicraft exhibits prepared by the inmates of the room where Mahatma Gandhi used to live, the prayer ground on the banks of the Sabarmati, and the spot—marked by a marble slab—from where Mahatma Gandhi began his famous Dandi march. The Sardar also visited Mr. Kishorelal Mashruwala, a well-known associate of Mahatma Gandhi, who is staying at the Ashram and is ill. The inmates of the Ashram clad in spotless khaddar, welcomed the Sardar fervently and put the 'tilak' in traditional style on his forehead. The Sardar was also treated to a 'garba' dance by the girl inmates.

Sardar addressed the inmates who squatted around him under the spreading neem-trees for a few minutes, he urged them to work vigorously for the three-fold programme—removal of Untouchability, Hindu-Muslim unity and Khadi Prachar—preached by Mahatma Gandhi ever since he returned from South Africa. India was now on the verge of Swaraj, he said, but this three-fold programme must be worked more vigorously than ever, if freedom was to be retained.

The Sardar reminded the gathering that it was in Gujarat that Mahatma Gandhi had begun Harijan uplift work and urged that Gujarat must not lag behind in this work. It was up to them to see that at least in Gujarat Mahatma Gandhi's objects were fulfilled. In South India, where orthodoxy was rooted deepest, Santanis were to-day throwing open many temples to the Harijans. Gujarat was, however, still backward in this respect, but it must endeavour to go forward. The Sardar urged the members of the Ashram to forget that they were Harijans and consider themselves equals of any one else in the country. They must build up character, speak truth and be clean in body and mind.

DEPUTATIONS WAIT ON SARDAR

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, December 30.

Sardar Patel passed busy hours in the morning granting interviews to leading personalities and deputations of different commercial associations. After visiting the Harijan Ashram and Vidyapith Sardar granted interview to millowners, including President Sheth Shantilal Mangaldas, Sheth Sakarlal Balabhai and Sheth Ramanlal Lallubhai. The interview lasted for forty-five minutes during which problems regarding labour and industry wire discussed.

Sheth Bhoglal Sutaria, President and Chandulal Satia and Ramanlal Jani, Secretaries of Maskati Mahajan, met Sardar Patel and discussed with him the recent scheme which is under the consideration of the Interim Government for eliminating wholesale quota holders of cloth and providing cloth to public through retail dealers who in turn will receive cloth directly from mills. Maskati Mahajan and others protested against this scheme that if it was enforced dealers would loose contact with the whole trade and thousands of gumastas would be jobless. In reply, it is understood, Sardar Patel assured merchants that he would consider their grievances but warned them to conduct trade in proper channels so that people might get their due quota of cloth without any hardship.

The Sardar also discussed housing problem of the city with representatives of millowners, Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda, Labour Minister and the Housing Commissioner. Mr. Desai was also present.

Jinnah Asks U. Aung San To Meet Him In Karachi

KARACHI, Dec. 30, (A. P. I.): Asked by the Associated Press of India when he is likely to meet U. Aung San Leader of the Burmese Mission to London, Mr. M. A. Jinnah said that he had received a communication from the Government of India that U. Aung San was arriving in New Delhi on the second January and would like to meet Mr. M. A. Jinnah on 6th January at Delhi. Mr. Jinnah has replied that he would be in Karachi on or about the sixth January and would therefore be glad to meet U. Aung San at Karachi.

PESHAWAR, Dec. 30 (API.) Members of the Redshirt Goodwill Mission who have returned from a tour of various tribal areas met Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan at Sardaryab and submitted their reports to him. Special meeting of these members may shortly be called at Sardaryab to chalk out further programme.

Congress Flags Pulled Down At Mahasabha Session

Dr. Mookerjee Expresses Regret For Incidents

GORAKHPUR, Dec. 29 (API): Two incidents in which Congress flags were pulled down and were replaced by Hindu Mahasabha flags in Malaviyanagar where the 27th session of All India Hindu Mahasabha is being held is, understood to have caused a good deal of resentment in local Congress circles.

The first incident was reported on 26th when the Congress tricolour flying on a shop in Mahasabha exhibition was forcibly removed. The exhibition organisers, however, promptly gave an assurance to shop keeper that the incident would be investigated. The second incident was reported when the Congress tricolour flag in Bahamna High School was pulled down.

The President of the Gorakhpur District Congress thereupon wrote to Dr. Shama Prasad Mookerjee strongly protesting against the attitude of certain Hindu Sabha workers and requesting him to take measures to avoid repetition of such incidents Dr. Mookerjee is understood to have replied regretting incidents and stating "we never meant an insult to Congress flag".

Rajen Babu's Call To Students

NEW DELHI, Dec. 29, (A. P. I.): The second day's session of the All-India Students Congress began today with homage to the student martyrs of 1942. Mr. Ram Sumer Shukla, President of the All-India Students' Congress placed wreaths at the students' memorial.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad addressing the conference deplored the differences among the students.

He said that the country was facing big and intricate problems today and they could only solve them if they made a united front. The fight for independence he said was almost over, but the way to peace was more difficult and the younger generation had a great responsibility.

Addressing the delegates who had come to attend the conference from China, Indonesia, Iraq and other Asiatic countries, Dr. Rajendra Prasad said that in India's struggle against British imperialism, they were not only fighting for the freedom of their own country, but for all oppressed and down-trodden Asiatic countries.

Mr. Ram Sumer Shukla, in his presidential speech referred to the rift among the student camp and said that it was due to different political parties trying to capture the Student Congress platform for their own ends. He warned the students against such danger.

Mr. Shukla asked the students to unite themselves and get ready for the final struggle for the freedom of the country. He asked them not to play in the hands of reactionaries who tried to break the student movement.

Sardar J. J. Singh, President of the India League, America advised the students to become world-minded and think in international terms. Without the international idea or concept, he said, there could be no peace or love between the mankind.

He said that Americans were very much concerned about Indian freedom. They wanted India to be completely free as early as possible. The Americans believed that India would be the bridge between the East and the West. They did not understand the intricacies of the Hindu-Muslim problem. Begum Shah Nawaz and Mr. Ispahani, the Muslim League delegates, he said, received a very cold reception in America because the Americans were not interested in the Hindu-Muslim problems. He advised the students to approach the Muslim masses directly.

Eclipse Of The Sun Next Year

BELO HORIZONTE, BRAZIL (Reuter): More than 1,000 astronomers and scientists from various nations will gather in the tiny township of Araxa, near Belo Horizonte, in May 1947, to observe the eclipse of the sun on May 20.

Araxa is regarded as the most favourable spot in the world for observing the phenomenon. New-type experiments in the field of electronics and nuclear physics will be conducted during the moments of the total eclipse.

Soviet Fling At Churchill's Peace Crusade

LONDON, Dec. 30 (Reuter). The Conservative "Daily Telegraph" this morning printed the first of the two copyright articles by the British war leader Mr. Winston Churchill, elaborating his suggestion of a United States of Europe as a means of stopping wars.

In the article which occupies two columns on the leader page, Mr. Churchill suggests that France should give a lead by extending the hand of forgiveness to Germany and expresses the opinion that since the Atlantic is no longer a sure barricade, the United States in their own interests should further this design.

Mr. Churchill made his appeal for a United States of Europe in his speech at Zurich.

The first step he added, "must be a partnership btween France and Germany."

The Moscow Radio Commentator, "Analyser" last night renewed the Soviet criticism of any plan for an "Eastern Bloc" with a broadcast particularly is directed against Mr. Churchill.

Reviewing the progress towards peace made during 1946 the commentator said, "Churchill and his like England and the United States whom Generalissimo Stalin called instigators of a new war—were certainly busy throughout 1946."

HAMBURG, Dec. 29. World opinion is "about round" in Germany's favour Schlange-Schoeningen, chief German Office for food ture in the British Zone, year message tonight.

DISPOSALS

The Regional Commissioner Disposals, Southern Circle, Bombay invites sealed tenders for the purchase and removal of the following stores:—

BRASS INGOTS/60/40

LOCATION	QUANTITY Tons
Ordnance Factory, Ambernath	138.64
Metal & Steel Factory, Ishapore	52.16
Ordnance Factory, Katni	17.50

Rate must be quoted per cwt. ex-site.

Superscribed Reference: Tender No. RCS/MISC/NF/34/MMH.

Tender forms are obtainable from this office on payment of Rs. 5/- per set.

Last Date due: By 4 p.m. on 15th January 1947.

OFFERS should be sent to this office and should remain open for acceptance up to 15th February 1947.

Delivery must be completed ex-site within 30 days of acceptance of offer. No assistance will be offered in obtaining transport facilities Railway Wagons etc.

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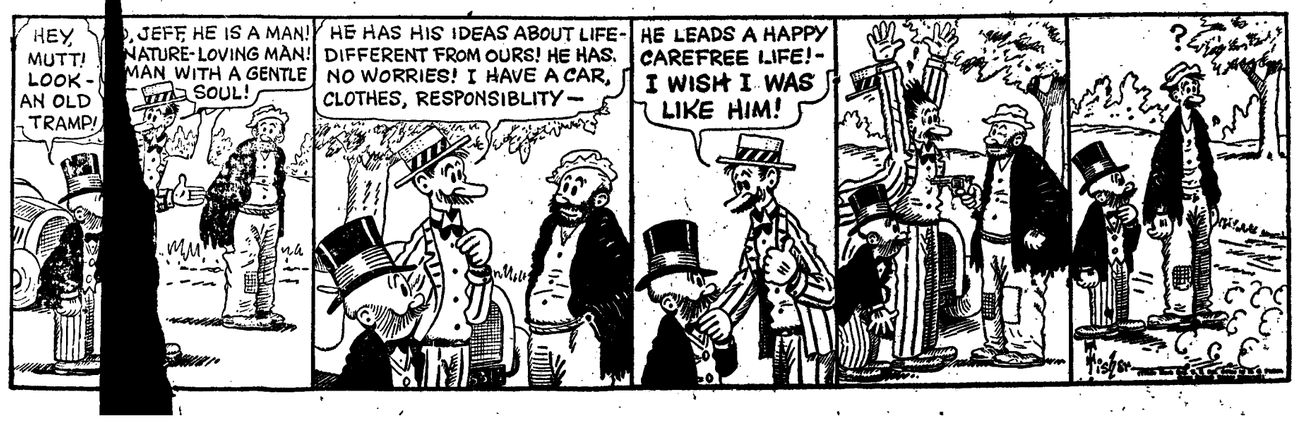
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TO ALL BONDHOLDERS OF COMMERCIAL PINE FORESTS LIMITED.

COMMERCIAL Pine Forests Ltd., have decided to concentrate its business in the future through one main Office in India and the business previously handled by the Company's Bombay office will now be dealt with solely at the Company's Calcutta office. All references and enquiries from 1st January, 1947 should be made to:

The Commercial Pine Forests Ltd.,
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4409

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K. M. KANTAWALA,
Executive Engineer,
Surat & Broach Dn.

Ex. Engr:'s Office,
Surat, 27th Decr. '46.
No. 12402 of 1946. (1272)

NOTICE

Messrs. SANDOZ LTD., BASLE, SWITZERLAND, Dyestuff & Textile Chemical Auxiliary Manufacturers, hereby notify their business connections in India, Burma and Ceylon that their products imported and distributed since 1927, by Messrs. SHAW WALLACE & CO., will be handled by a new company styled SANDOZ PRODUCTS LTD., from the 1st January, 1947. Messrs. SHAW WALLACE & CO. LTD., will act as Secretaries & Treasurers to SANDOZ PRODUCTS LTD., to whom all orders, enquiries, etc., should be sent to the address of Shaw Wallace & Co.'s various branches. 1263

NOTICE

ATTENTION of hand-printers, hand-dyers and dealers in hand-printed and hand-dyed cloth is invited to Bombay Government, Civil Supplies Department Order No. 195, dated the 30th September, 1946, fixing charges for hand-printing and hand-dyeing cloth and prescribing price-markings to be made on hand-printed or hand-dyed cloth. The Order prohibits charging of rates in excess of those prescribed therein and makes dual processing illegal. It is published in the Bombay Government Gazette, Extraordinary, dated the 30th September, 1946.

2. Attention of hand-printers, hand-dyers and dealers in hand-printed and hand-dyed cloth is also invited to Bombay Government, Civil Supplies Department Order No. 195, dated the 22nd November, 1946, (published in the Bombay Government Gazette Part I, dated the 28th November, 1946, at page 3494), fixing the 1st January, 1947, as the date after which no person shall sell or offer to sell or dispose of in any way any hand-printed or hand-dyed cloth, which is not marked with prices. After 1st January, 1947, it will be an offence to dispose of any hand-printed or hand-dyed cloth without price marks on it. If after 1st January, 1947, any unprice-marked stock of hand-printed or hand-dyed cloth remains undisposed of with any dealer, he should submit before the 15th January, 1947, to the Provincial Textile Controller in Bombay and the respective District Magistrate elsewhere, a statement giving full particulars of such stock and the reasons why it remained undisposed of.

J. K. THAKORE,
Provincial Textile
Controller, Bombay.
Bombay, 18th December, 1946.
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DES RAJ,
Executive Engineer,
Bombay Central P.W. Division,
Queen's Rd., Bombay.
(1271)

UNIVERSITY OF BOMBAY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the University Gardens will be closed to the Public for 24 hours commencing at 12 midnight on Tuesday, the 31st December, 1946, and ending at 12 mid-night on Wednesday the 1st January, 1947.

By order,
S. R. DONGERKERY,
Registrar.
Bombay, 30th Decr. 1946.
(1269)

G.I.P. RAILWAY

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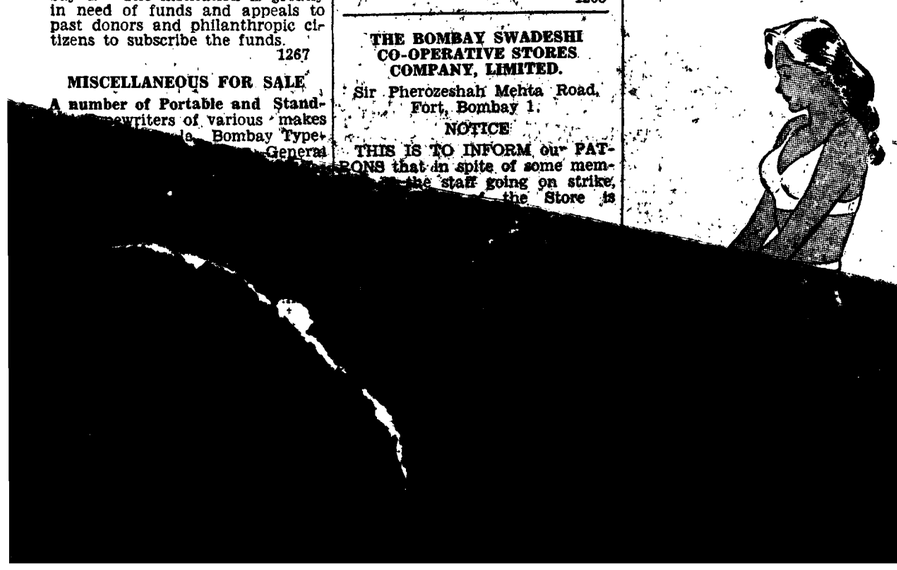

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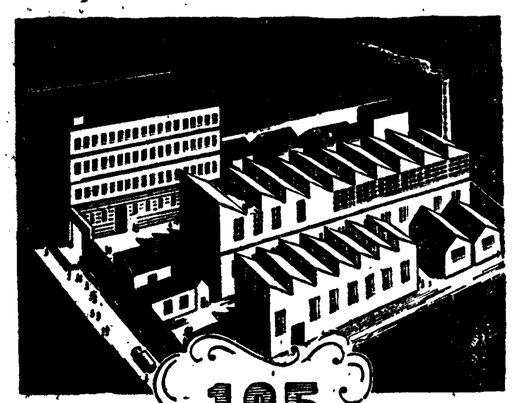

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